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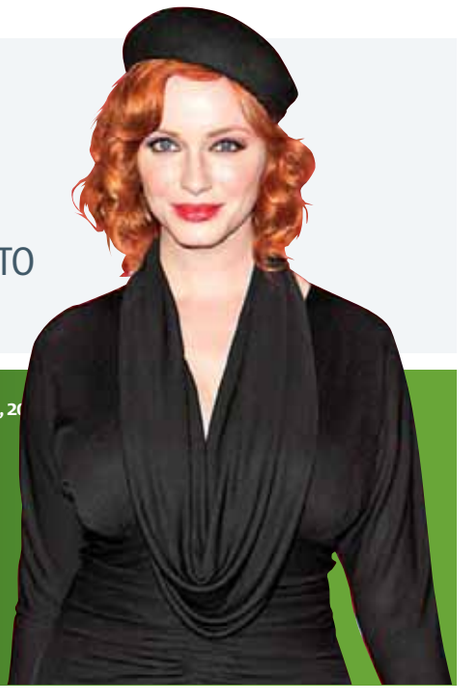

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San Jose Sharks' Daniel Winnik, left, dodges a check from Calgary Flames' Scott Hannan during first-period NHL action in Calgary on Tuesday. The Flames won 3-2. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

More tickets for distracted drivers

Fines. Calgary police said few, if any, warnings being given to drivers not paying attention to the road

Police warned motorists to keep their focus on the road, but some were still too busy chatting on their cellphones to listen.

Metro first reported that nearly 1,000 Calgarians had each been slapped with a $172 ticket during the first three months of enforcing Alberta's distracted-driving legislation, which took effect Sept. 1.

At the time, Const. Jim Lebedeff said many members were still giving motorists the benefit of the doubt, but warned at the time that would soon change.

Now, three months later, he points to data indicating a roughly 20 per cent jump in tickets issued as proof his threat wasn't hollow.

"Some people still aren't getting the message — it's crazy," Lebedeff said. "This is going to cause a major crash one of these days and then people will finally wake up."

Use of a handheld device accounted for 94 per cent of distracted-driving tickets handed out locally in January and February.

Provincial transportation spokesperson Donnae Schuhltz said Tuesday an observational study conducted in October found just one per cent of Albertans were still using a handheld device behind the wheel.

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"Some people still aren't getting the message — it's crazy."
Const. Jim Lebedeff

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Calgary father

Missing-person case now a homicide

Police added another layer of complexity to a month-old missing-person case Tuesday, revealing the disappearance is now being treated as suspicious and that investigators had been provided with some misinformation.

Ryan Lane, a 24-year-old Calgary father, was last seen Feb. 7 at an undisclosed location in the 5200 block of Country Hills Blvd. N.W.

Based on information gathered to date, police organized a search of gravel pits that involved 60 members and volunteers in the northwest Spy Hill area Saturday. Staff Sgt. Grant Miller said that effort served to disprove some leads provided during dozens of interviews conducted by investigators

"We did not find Ryan Lane," Miller said, adding he anticipates some items of interest related to the disappearance will be made public in the near future.

Repeated pleas for public assistance with the case have been issued in recent weeks.

"No piece of information is too small," Miller said.

Homicide investigators have taken the lead on the investigation, but police rarely declare a death has occurred without a body or admission of guilt, Miller said.

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Ryan Lane CALGARY POLICE

South Calgary is snow-ban champ

Compliance rate. About 90 per cent of Calgarians complied with the snow-route parking ban last week

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Residents in south Calgary came away from last week's snow-route parking ban unscathed as no tickets were handed out in any of the four southernmost wards.

Wards 11, 12, 13 and 14 — all in south Calgary — were able to avoid ticketing during the less than 24-hour ban that began on March 6.

Those in other wards in the city were issued anywhere from 40 tickets in Ward 8 to the highest number in Ward 7, where 271 tickets were issued.

"The reason the north has higher non-compliance is we worked closely with road crews, and the north part of the city had heavier snowfall accumulations," explained Calgary Parking Authority manager Troy McLeod.

McLeod said the 90 per cent compliance with a snow-route parking ban is roughly the same as the number of Calgarians obeying parking restrictions during an average day.

"We thought that was a pretty good response, especially when it's something that's infrequent," he said.

Although no tickets were issued in his ward, Ald. Shane Keating said he plans to suggest some changes to the new parking-ban program, including potentially issuing the ban on a quadrant-by-quadrant basis.

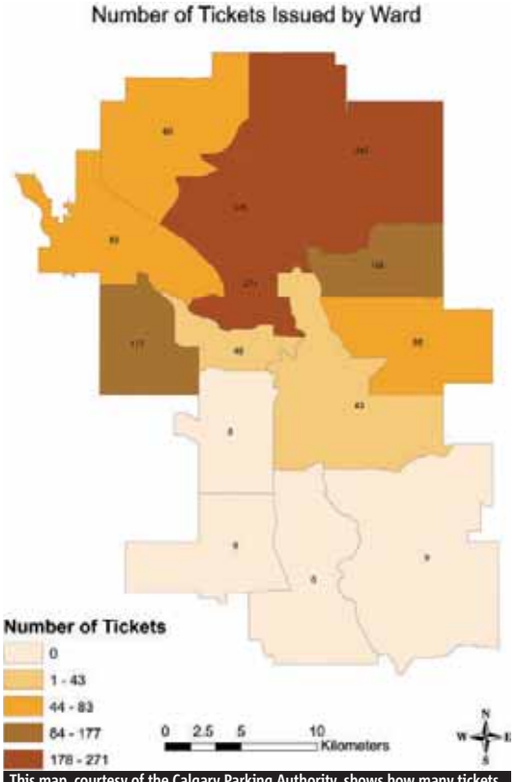
"The southeast is vastly different than the northwest when it comes to snowfall," he said.

With the most tickets issued in Ward 7, Ald. Druh Farrell said she, too, thinks some tweaking is needed.

"It was always the intent to review and fine-tune."

By the numbers

- **Worst offender.** Ward 14 had the highest number of warning tickets issued at 649.
- **Ward 12.** The lowest number of warning tickets, 143, was issued in neighbouring Ward 12.



This map, courtesy of the Calgary Parking Authority, shows how many tickets were issued in each of the 14 city wards during the most recent snow-route parking ban. CONTRIBUTED

Trial. Crown says mother should serve 18 years

The Crown says a woman who admitted in journal entries she wrote to her dead husband that she smothered her infant son and severely injured her other boy should serve 18 years in prison.

Stacey Joy Bourdeaux, 35, pleaded guilty last summer to manslaughter in the death of her 10-month-old son and to the attempted murder of her five-year-old. She also admitted to failing to provide the necessities of life.

The 10-month-old, Sean Ronald Fewer, was found not breathing in his crib in December 2004. At the time, his death did not raise any suspicion with the medical examiner, who ruled it was a case of sudden infant death syndrome.

In May 2010, police were called to Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary where a five-year-old boy was brought in with breathing trouble.

A few months later, police charged Bourdeaux with attempted murder and choking with intent. They looked into her background and that's when they discovered Sean's death.

Crown prosecutor Janice Rea told court Tuesday that the sentence should include six years for manslaughter, 11 years for attempted murder and one year for the other charge. She said there are numerous aggravating factors in the case, but the most serious is that Bourdeaux abused her position of trust and authority. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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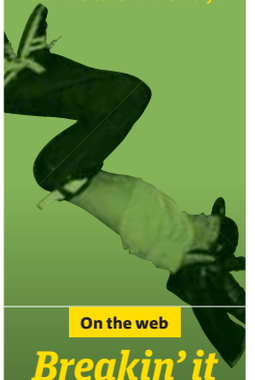

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It's 'about finding a mix of uses': Planner

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17th Avenue: Dying or evolving?

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Area residents take the good with the bad

Gina Arsenault is seen near her home on 18th Avenue Southwest. The row of cars behind her is a common sight.
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Land use. City policy relaxations have led to space crunch in surrounding neighbourhoods

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Accessibility, amenities and attractions are selling points, but those living near uptown 17th Avenue Southwest admit the area also comes with its drawbacks.

"Parking has definitely gotten more congested, probably because there are more bars," said Gina Arsenault, who has lived with her husband on 18th Avenue Southwest for nearly six years.

"We don't entertain here because our guests have nowhere to park."

Realizing there was little room to spare, city council approved parking relaxation for businesses in the Beltline area in 2009. Currently, businesses such as convenience stores, liquor stores and all food and drink establishments under 300 square metres in size are not required to offer their own parking stalls.

This has pushed vehicles into surrounding communities, where high-density living has already put a squeeze on parking real estate.

Business-revitalization representatives for the area also take issue with a second relaxation concerning a citywide policy stipulating no drinking establishment over 300 square metres in size should be located within 45 metres of a residential district.

Matt Rockley, a centre city planner, says a solution to that concern is nearly impossible given the condensed nature of the area.

"It's really about finding a mix of uses for the area," he said, adding new guidelines are being drafted to give administration better perspective when considering licensed establishments.

Curtis Chief, who moved in a few blocks from 17th Avenue a month ago, admits he has witnessed his fair share of drunken fights. Still, he has no intentions of moving.

"I like it here," he said. "As long as there are bars nearby, there will be drunks and drug addicts. Every city has the same problem."

Redevelopment policies

- The Beltline area redevelopment plan, which was passed in 2006, includes a policy stipulating no more than 50 per cent of a block front can be occupied by drinking establishments at grade. Currently, that policy only applies to the north side of the 17th Avenue, but a proposal is coming before city council soon to expand it across both sides.
- The area business-revitalization zone group did push for the 50 per cent policy to include all non-licensed food establishments as well, but a survey of area land and business owners in 2010 showed little support for the change, according to city planner Matt Rockley.
- Establishments not fulfilling their parking requirements were previously charged $3,100 per space in lieu, but that policy has not been utilized in recent years, according to information provided by the city planning department.

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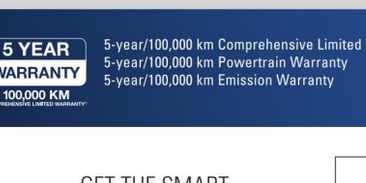

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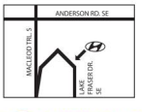

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Red dress code for Peace Bridge opening

Opening. Peace Bridge celebration takes place March 24 from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Poetry, a parade and plenty of pedestrians are planned for the upcoming Peace Bridge party.

Details of the delayed bridge opening are emerging just 10 days before the inaugural walk across the controversial structure.

Ald. Druh Farrell said the city is co-ordinating the event but community groups have been at the helm of putting together the program.

"We're getting calls every day from people wanting to do something at the event," she said. "There's a lot of Calgarians that want to volunteer."

Farrell suggested in an online invitation that participants wear red to commemorate the bridge.

Celebration time

"It will be wonderful. It's time."

Community organizer Cheri Macaulay

Cheri Macaulay, one of the event organizers, said that while the details are still being hammered out, she's excited to finally be able to celebrate the opening of the bridge, which is well over a year behind schedule.

"It's not been an easy process," she said. "It will be wonderful. It's time."

More details about the celebration are expected to be released on Friday.

The opening celebration of the Peace Bridge takes place in 10 days. METRO FILE

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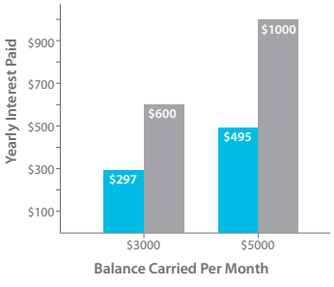

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Dad weeps as he recalls finding drowned sons

A father sobbed on the witness stand on Tuesday as he recalled how he found his two young children dead in a cold bathtub in the family home south of Edmonton.

Curtis McConnell was testifying in Wetaskiwin at the trial of his former wife, Allyson, who is charged with murdering two-and-a-half-year-old Connor and 10-month-old Jayden two years ago.

McConnell said he went to the house in Millet because police had told him his wife had fallen off a bridge in Edmonton.

He said he instantly became concerned for his children. He and Allyson were in the middle of a bitter divorce, and she wanted to take the children to her native Australia.

His concern grew when he entered the home.

The TV was blasting.

Inside the master bathroom he found a curling iron and a hair dryer in a tub filled with water.

The door to the main bathroom was closed and locked — strange because the couple were potty-training Connor and always kept it open. The lights were off. He used a butter knife to jimmy his way in.

"I walk in. It smelled like dead bodies," McConnell testified.

Connor, left, and Jayden McConnell CONTRIBUTED

"I just dropped to my knees. I reached in. The water is so cold and I could feel something in there. They were so cold and stiff.

"She just left them in there to rot. I had to look away. I don't want to see their dead faces."

McConnell said he pulled the lifeless bodies out onto the floor, then frantically ran to get a neighbour to come and look in the bathroom, just in case he had imagined the whole thing.

The defence concedes Allyson McConnell killed the two children. The central issue at trial is her state of mind when she did it. She has pleaded not guilty.

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Ongoing investigation

Man charged with indecent acts

Calgary police have released the name of a man charged with several indecent acts alleged to have taken place over the past two months.

Douglas Gordon Jenik, 43, faces one count of sexual assault and was charged with four counts of an indecent act in a public place on Monday.

Police are investigating other incidents that have been reported. Those with information are asked to call police at 403-266-1234. METRO

Avalanche

Skiers, dead man recovered after snowslide

Rescue crews reached the body of a Calgary man who died in an avalanche near B.C. on Tuesday. The 33-year-old, who has not been identified, was killed Sunday near Ghost Peak.

Five fellow skiers were stranded on a mountain after the slide because high winds and snow were hampering recovery efforts. All five are reported to be in good health.

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Hammer blows, alleged rape

Caution: Graphic content. Eight-year-old girl's killer tells a jury of horrifying events that took place in an Ontario farmer's field

Terri-Lynne McClintic has told a jury she's the one who delivered what the Crown alleges were the fatal blows to eight-year-old Victoria Stafford.

McClintic testified Tuesday at Michael Rafferty's first-degree murder trial in London, Ont., and detailed the events surrounding the abduction and death of the little girl.

The Grade 3 student went missing outside her Woodstock, Ont., school on April 8, 2009, and the Crown alleges she died from multiple blows to her head with a hammer the same day.

McClintic told the jury she struck Tori with the hammer "maybe three" times in a farmer's field after a garbage bag was put over the girl's head.

McClintic, at times wiping tears from her face, told the court she saw Rafferty attempt to rape the girl before that, but didn't "stay there and watch."

"I can't really give you play-by-play," she said.

McClintic did note that when she took the girl to use the washroom in the field, after Tori had been alone with Rafferty, she noticed blood in the snow.

"I told her I was sorry. She told me just don't let him do it again," McClintic said.

Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

McClintic pleaded guilty in 2010, to first-degree murder and is serving a life sentence.

She told the jury Tuesday Rafferty wanted a "young female, because the younger they were, the easier they were to manipulate."

She told the jury she lured Tori into Rafferty's car with the promise of seeing a puppy.

McClintic told the jury that when Rafferty said he intended to have sex with the girl she "didn't want to acknowledge that."

"I remember him telling me to look for a spot. I said 'A spot for what?' and he didn't answer me," she said.

Court also heard that Rafferty began masturbating as he pulled the car off a country road, and that once stopped in the field McClintic walked away because she "knew what was going to happen."

"I believed he was going to rape Tori," McClintic said.

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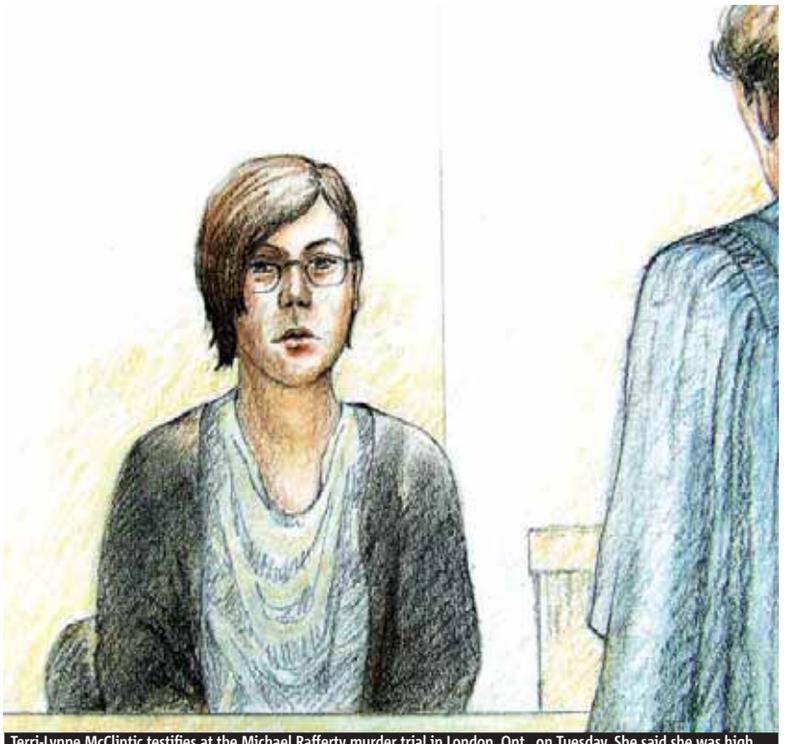
That fateful first meeting

- **Pizza.** Terri-Lynne McClintic and Michael Rafferty met at a pizza shop in February 2009, went for a drive and had sex in his car, she testified.
- **Passion.** "He was somebody I cared for," McClintic said.
- **Sex.** They had sex on three more occasions, including once at a movie theatre.
- **Crime.** McClintic had several convictions for assaults and was wanted by police for parole violation.



Terri-Lynne McClintic testifies at the Michael Rafferty murder trial in London, Ont., on Tuesday. She said she was high on drugs when Rafferty urged her to kidnap a little girl. TAMMY HOY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Italy

Village mayor outlaws death

The mayor says it's illegal to die in Falciano del Massico, a village near Naples in southern Italy. It has no cemetery and is feuding with a nearby town that has one.

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Quebec

Province will soften crime bill

The debate isn't over yet for the Conservative government's criminal justice legislation — at least not in Quebec.

The provincial government announced Tuesday that it will do everything in its power to limit the clout of the legislation that passed a day earlier.

Quebec says it will work to soften Bill C-10 where possible. The provincial minister said he will issue a directive to various players in the justice system to avoid applying the strictest provisions of the crime bill — particularly when it comes to youth offenders.

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Ottawa

Environment up to speed?

Quicker environmental assessments are a step closer to reality now that a Commons committee has given the federal government a blueprint for how to streamline lengthy hearings.

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Britain

He'll teach the world to code

A 25-year-old London web designer is leading a campaign to put web languages HTML, CSS and Javascript on the national curriculum, so that every child in Britain ("and then the world") receives a compulsory education from the age of six.

"I want to teach the world to code," Alasdair Blackwell told Metro.

"It's about empowering people to control their computers, instead of the other way round."

Blackwell said he's submitting a proposal to the Britrish Ministry of Education and other bodies.

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Diet. An eat-less-salt campaign lacked the winning flavour: Study

A study couldn't tell if an eat-less-salt campaign changed any eating habits in a test case in eastern Ontario.

The federal government and local health centres kicked off a campaign in 2009 to try to persuade people to consume less sodium.

Registered dieticians came up with dozens of "quick and easy" tips to reduce sodium, such as mixing olive oil, lemon juice and herbs instead of using bottled marinades, or adding your own seasoning to chicken.

"There were no significant differences documented for participants reporting they reduced the amount of sodium they ate in the past 30 days," the study says.

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Don't pass the salt

Ottawa's sodium-reduction strategy calls on manufacturers and restaurants to voluntarily cut sodium levels.

- **Too much.** The average Canadian consumes about 3,400 milligrams of sodium a day. Ottawa would like to see that lowered to 2,300 milligrams by 2016.

Tall story?

Tallest man is short on growth

The world's tallest man — eight-foot-three Sultan Kosen, 29, of Turkey — may have stopped growing, thanks to new medication from the University of Virginia Medical Center. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sexy story?

$100,000 bail in prostitution case

Jaynie Baker, charged with helping run a Manhattan prostitution ring, posted $100,000 bail Tuesday. The case is linked with accused multimillion-dollar madam Anna Gristina.

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Dozens die, dozens more go missing after ferry sinks

On the banks of the Meghna River, relatives wail for the loved ones they have lost. PAVEL RAHMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bangladesh. Among those killed was a young woman found cradling the lifeless body of her baby

A ferry packed with about 200 people capsized in a river in southern Bangladesh on Tuesday, killing at least 31 people and leaving dozens missing.

Local police Chief Mohammad Shahabuddin Khan said about 35 people were rescued after the ferry sank on the Meghna River after colliding with a cargo boat.

Divers have recovered 31 bodies from inside the sunken ferry, he said.

He said the dead included a young woman found cradling her baby's lifeless body.

"The death toll is likely to rise as more bodies are feared trapped inside," Khan said.

One of the divers, Mohammad Alauddin, said there were still bodies inside the sunken ferry, some of them buried under cargo.

Hundreds of anxious people, many of them weeping, gathered near the scene of the accident to look for their loved ones.

The MV Shariatpur-1 was travelling to the capital, Dhaka, from neighbouring Shariatpur district to the southwest. The accident site is in Munshiganj district, 32 kilometres south of Dhaka.

Businessman Dulal Dewan, a survivor, described a scene of chaos as the ferry collided with the other ship.

"In minutes there were screams all around," he said. "People were shouting for help."

Dewan said he was rescued by a nearby boat, but eight other family members travelling with him were still unaccounted for.

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Survivor

"I was awakened with a big jolt. I jumped into the river in darkness."

Dulal Dewan, a businessman who survived

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Rae comes clean on Liberal robocalls

Liberal interim Leader Bob Rae is urging the Tories to come clean on any robocall tactics used in the last election.

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Robocalls. Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae reveals party's phone scripts and makes public call for Harper's Tories to do the same

The Liberal party has given Elections Canada samples of its robocall messages and scripts for live calls to voters during last spring's election campaign.

Interim leader Bob Rae says in a letter to the agency that the party has recordings of all its campaign robocalls and will make them available if needed for the investigation into alleged vote-suppression tactics.

And he's calling on the Conservatives to be equally transparent.

Elections Canada is investigating thousands of complaints about fraudulent robocalls in which someone purporting to be calling on behalf of the agency misdirected voters to non-existent polling locations.

The watchdog is also looking into harassing live calls that were purportedly made on behalf of an opposition party but that appeared aimed at alienating that party's supporters.

Opposition parties accuse the Conservatives of masterminding a widespread, vote-suppression scheme since discovering that fraudulent robocalls in the hotly contested riding of Guelph had been traced to a company used by Tory candidates.

Robocall

"The complaints being made by Canadians are disturbing and unprecedented and must be resolved."

Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae, in a letter to election commissioner William Corbett

However, the Tories have fought back by accusing the Liberals of their own misdeeds, including a robocall in Guelph that attacked the Tory candidate's position on abortion without saying that the call was being made on behalf of Liberal incumbent Frank Valeriote.

Valeriote has said he's already come clean about that robocall with Elections Canada investigators.

In a letter to election commissioner William Corbett, Rae says election financial returns already filed by the party and its local candidates include all relevant financial information about live and automated phone services used during the campaign. He offers to supply more records if necessary.

In a veiled reference to the Tories, Rae adds: "We feel it would be irresponsible and tantamount to obstruction for any political party to be anything less than fully transparent and co-operative with your investigation."

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U.K. media. Former Murdoch exec arrested in phone-hacking scandal

Former News International executive Rebekah Brooks and her racehorse trainer husband Charlie were arrested Tuesday in dawn raids that also netted four other suspects in the spreading phone-hacking scandal.

Police said the six people were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. The charge is an indication that investigators may be focusing on a possible coverup of the scope of phone hacking rather than the illegal hacking itself.

It was the most arrests in a single day since "Operation Weeting" — as the police investigation into phone hacking is known — began arresting reporters, senior news executives, police officers and others suspected of criminal acts.

Police said the suspects ranged in age from 38 to 49 and that all but one were released on bail Tuesday evening after questioning. The Brookses are believed to be among those released on bail.

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Rebekah Brooks
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Police procedures

- In many of the earlier arrests, suspects had been asked to report to various police stations for questioning, but police seem to have abandoned such lenient tactics as the scope of wrongdoing has emerged.
- Deputy Assistant Commissioner Sue Akers testified last month that the practice of making arrests without warning is an attempt to "secure best evidence and prevent suspects conferring or disposing of evidence."

Mirror, mirror on the wall

A new 'magic mirror,' developed by Apache Solutions, allows shoppers to virtually try on clothes without the stress of long lineups or wasted hours at the mall. The mirror itself is a large 88-inch plasma screen that displays 3D catalogue images. METRO WORLD NEWS

Lawsuit. Public knew risks of smoking: Former Imperial spokesman

A retired tobacco spokesman told a historic civil trial Tuesday that his company was already under fire in the 1960s over the potential health risks of smoking.

Michel Descoteaux, who headed Imperial Tobacco's public-relations department for more than two decades, said there was no point trying to argue against a public and media that wanted to hear one thing: that smoking was bad for you.

Descoteaux was testifying at the start of a landmark class-action suit, the biggest civil trial in Canadian history. It pits Quebec smokers against Canada's three biggest cigarette companies.

Descoteaux said the evidence the company actually had in the 1960s, gathered by company scientists and researchers, was that there was no link between smoking and public health.

But he said the general public and news media dismissed such reports back then and demanded that the company come clean. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Hello, fellow cat jugglers.

Of course, it just feels as if we're juggling cats. In reality, we're juggling meetings, unreasonable demands, inboxes, texts, tweets and PowerPoints. Did I mention unreasonable demands?

And if you drop one, it feels just like an unhappy tomcat landing on your face.

Here's some good news: You've already survived the peak cat-juggling moment of the week, which, according to a 2011 British survey of 3,000 employees between 18 and 45 by Michael Page International, is Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

It's all downhill from that point. From there, it's just kitten bouncing.

You might be surprised that it's not Monday, the traditional black cat that curls up in the cubicles of wage slaves. The survey reveals that people aren't really back to work Monday; they're easing themselves back into the saddle, catching up with colleagues about the weekend and ignoring emails and in-baskets.

The trouble is, none of that stuff goes away, and by Tuesday at 10 a.m. the cats start howling.

A good time to go for coffee. Or walk the dog.

Personally, I think Sunday, bloody Sunday, is the most stressful time of the week, particularly Sunday afternoon, which is when you start thinking about what it's going to be like on Tuesday morning. There you are, sharing a gelato with your honey on a fine Sunday afternoon, and it occurs to you that you better get that presentation done by Tuesday at 10 a.m., or the boss will feed you to the tigers.

For a lot of people, every day is a bad day. Three-quarters of the survey respondents are done by 11:16. Every day.

Considering there are still five hours and 45 minutes remaining in the average work day, we have a problem. If the survey is in any way a reflection of reality, three-quarters of us should just put on our coats and go home before noon, and leave the afternoon to those people who are actually working. They may not even notice as you go by, because those tabbies are tough to twirl by their tails and require a lot of attention and dexterity.

(And treats. Don't forget that, if all else fails, cats are easy to bribe with tuna snacks.)

Punch in, check out?

If you believe the survey, one in five should not even bother to turn up in the morning, because they're done by 9 a.m.

If you believe the survey, one in five should not even bother to turn up in the morning, because they're done by 9 a.m. Never mind hump day or TGIF, these people need extended beach therapy, which consists mainly of unregulated access to drinks with little umbrellas.

Plus, when was the last time you saw a cat on the beach?

Are you an office juggler or a cat-napper? GANDINI JUGGLERS/CONTRIBUTED

A lesson from the sky

GETTY IMAGES

25 Palestinians dead

Four-day rocket fire ends in truce

ASHDOD, ISRAEL. Some Israeli school girls take cover next to a bus during a rocket attack from the Gaza Strip, 38 kilometres south of Ashdod.

An Egyptian-brokered truce on Tuesday quelled cross-border fire between Israel and Palestinian militants, which left 25 dead in Gaza and three wounded in Israel.

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Violence ebbs

"Until last night, our house was shaking. The bombing has been terrible because it came out of nowhere. A total surprise, that's the worst part."

Yasmeen El Khoudary, 21, Gaza City-based blogger and activist

Arrow II interceptor

Israel repels 3 out of 4 rockets

DEFENCE. "This was a mini drill," for Iran, claimed one official after Israel managed to absorb some 75 per cent of Palestinian rocket fire over a four-day period, using its Iron Dome missile interceptor system.

The other Arrow II interceptor, so far proven only in trials, has a shoot-down rate of some 90 percent.

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On the lookout in Ashdod. GETTY IMAGES

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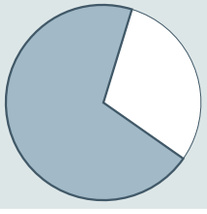

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@Iron_Chris:
Big wind coming down my chimney. #YYC

@d_dhanjal:
why is it so windy? my car was totally shaking when i was driving home from school! #scary #yyc

@MadDawgMills:
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Changes in the Den

No more Mr. Nice dragon

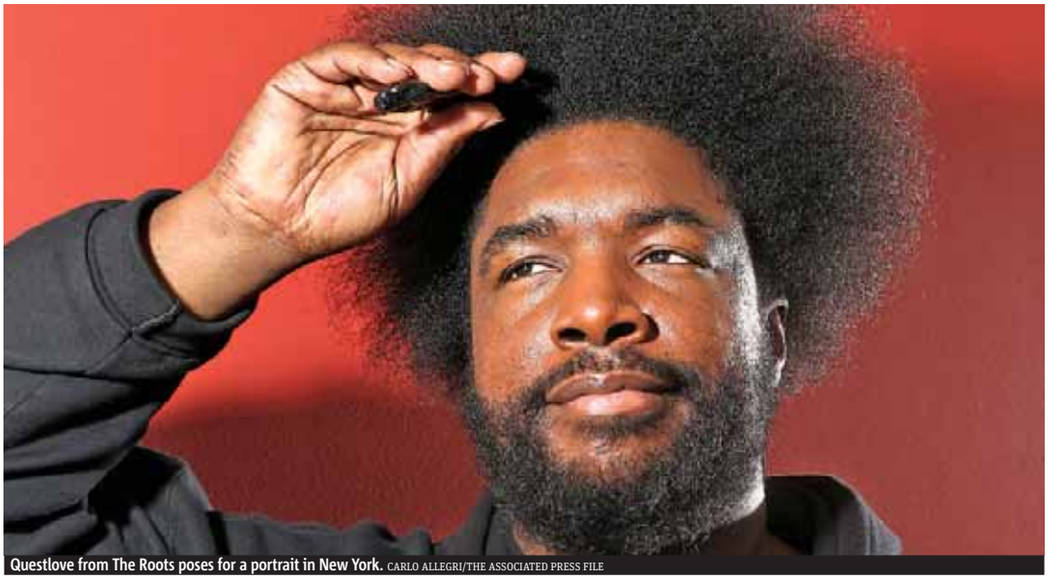
Another dragon is leaving the Dragons' Den. BC-TV says tech mogul Robert Herjavec will not return to the business-minded series next season. Herjavec is one of the show's original five judges and was considered one of the nice assessors of wannabe titans. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On the web

Rapper Jay-Z rolls into Texas in the nick of time, brings the hype to South By Southwest

Rooted and Undun

Q & A. Roots drummer Questlove on latest albums, Philly, Jay-Z, Jimmy Fallon and Amy Winehouse



Questlove from The Roots poses for a portrait in New York. CARLO ALLEGRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The Roots aren't known for selling records. While the hip-hop band has released 14 albums — mostly to critical acclaim — only two have managed to crack gold status.

But even though bandleader Questlove might have enjoyed the money that comes along with multiplatinum records, he wouldn't trade the group's rarified position in the music world for it.

"Mostly for black artists, we're really not afforded — unless you're a jazz artist — you're really not afforded the luxury of making an art record, or a concept record, or a passion project," said Questlove, born Ahmir Thompson. "For some strange, odd reason, and I'm not ever going to argue it, The Roots have always (had that luxury)."

And The Roots, the house band for Late Night With Jimmy Fallon since 2009, have had support from high places to maintain that luxury. When Jay-Z was president of Def Jam, he signed The Roots to the label and told them to maintain their sound and integrity, even if it meant fewer sales.

"(Jay-Z) didn't want to be known as the bad guy that killed The Roots," Questlove said. The Roots put out two CDs last year with the Betty Wright-assisted Betty Wright: The Movie and Undun, which debuted at No. 17 on the Billboard charts. Both landed on several critics' best-of-the-year lists.

Jay-Z gave you guys some good advice.

I told Jay, "Like man, that would be nice to have all my records debut at No. 1 and stuff." But he's like, "Yeah, but you're just looking at that. I got to deal with beef with this cat and that cat. Every year some rapper's going to take a potshot and I got to take the gloves out the closet and start training." ... And (Jay-Z) sees me as an artist making my dream come true. Like, he wants to be seen as a true artist, not the richest guy in hip-hop. Meanwhile, I would like 13 zeros in my account.

Undun is about the death of fictional drug dealer Redford Stevens, but the story is told from beginning to end. How did the concept come about?

We wanted to tell his story because we've known a billion Redford Stevens in Philadelphia. Philadelphia has been sort of mired and drenched into a lot of random acts of crime, very un-brotherly like in the last decade or so, and we wanted to show the direct result.

What was your relationship like with Amy Winehouse?

She's such a jazz snob. I couldn't stand it, but I was obsessed with it because once we exchanged information, she would always be on her computer sending me MP3s (like), "Listen to this." ... We spent a lot of time on Skype talking about crazy ideas and she schooled me about Sarah Vaughan. I schooled her about J Dilla. And she was like, "All right, we're going to start a super group. You, me, Mos (Def) and Raphael Saadiq." I was like, "OK." And she assigned homework: "All right, study this record." ... I really miss not having her here to school me on jazz; I thought I was a music snob, and I thought I had my doctorate in jazz, but no. There's so much more I could have learned. She's a teacher.

How has the band grown from being on the Jimmy Fallon show?

Being on the Jimmy Fallon show has introduced a word that has never been in our vocabulary. We've never, ever rehearsed as a band. We never practiced. Shockers, I know. ...So once we come to Fallon, we're now confined to a very tight space, and it's just the eight of us looking at each other, and it's very awkward. ... It's like we didn't know how to play. ... Once we got in a groove, we just practiced a lot. And now we're better musicians, we're better songwriters, we're better engineers, we're better producers. We're just more focused on our songwriting than ever. I wish we had this type of discipline and preparation at the beginning of our career. So I feel like now we're just on our second album.

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On Amy Winehouse

"I really miss not having her here to school me on jazz... There's so much more I could have learned."

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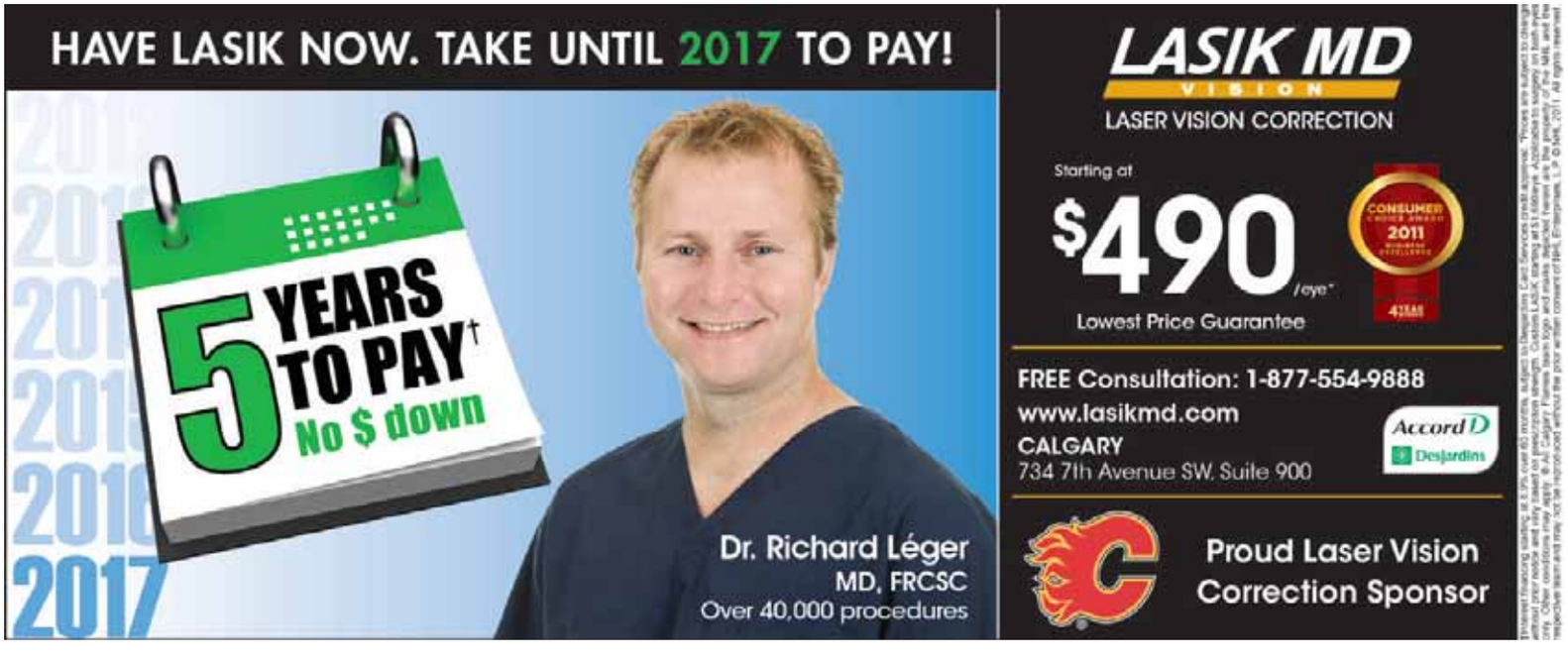

Flying high: Channing Tatum stars in the new 21 Jump Street. HANDOUT

From TV to movie

Cult shows. From Star Trek to The X-Files to Saturday Night Live: small screen hits can often be big films at the box office

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When Jonah Hill's reboot of 21 Jump Street hits theatres this weekend, it joins a long list of big screen adaptations of small screen hits.

Everything from sci-fi shows like The X-Files to comedies like The Addams Family and even reality and games shows (Jackass and The Gong Show) have made the leap from TV to theatres.

Hill describes the new 21 Jump Street as an "R-rated, insane, Bad-Boys-meets-John Hughes-type movie." I don't remember the TV show the movie is based on as being that edgy but if William Shatner's cop show T.J. Hooker can be turned into an adult-friendly flick called T.J. Hookers, I suppose anything is possible.

Probably the most spun-off TV franchise is Star Trek. Between the original show and the TV offshoots, 11 films have gone where no film series has gone before. The 2009 J.J. Abrams reboot with Chris Pine as James T. Kirk was a special effects extravaganza but the Wrath of Khan seems to tickle Trekkies the most. Based on the 1967 episode Space Seed, it's believed to be the first time a movie was made as a sequel to a specific episode.

Ricardo Montalbán took a break from Fantasy Island to take the role, but had one request: he was a gym devotee and wanted costumes that would show off his muscular chest.

The original pilot for the hip spy show The Man From U.N.C.L.E. was actually shot with a theatrical release in mind. Although the show would air in black-and-white on NBC, the pilot was shot in colour with some racier scenes added in. The tame version aired on television, while the sexier edit played in theatres as To Trap a Spy.

Finally, sketch comedy shows have also been a fertile breeding ground for movies. Saturday Night Live has spawned a dozen films, giving us characters like Wayne and Garth and the Coneheads.

Years before SNL was even on television legendary comedy troupe Monty Python used cinema as a way to court a new worldwide audience for their TV show. And Now for Something Completely Different contains re-filmed skits from the first two seasons of their show, including the classic Nudge, Nudge, and Dead Parrot sketches.

The movie is best summed up in the words of Sergeant-Major (played by Graham Chapman). "Now, I would just like to point out that this film is displaying a distinct tendency to become silly."

Spears looking at big payday for taking X Factor judge spot

Maybe Britney Spears won't be taking a spot at the X Factor judges' table after all, as the singer has reportedly balked at a $10 million offer from Simon Cowell's singing competition after asking for $20 million, according to Hollywood Life.

But negotiations aren't dead, as Spears reportedly would still be interested if the show could offer an "exit clause," allowing her to bow out after one season if she wanted.

"Money is not an issue for the show. As of now, they are looking to pay her $12 to $15 million for the first season, with a drastic price hike for a second year based on ratings performance," a source says.

"Simon Cowell wants at least a two-year commitment, and Britney wants an out clause if she doesn't want to continue after one year of service."

Bieber adding to his collection of religious tattoos

Justin Bieber GETTY IMAGES

Justin Bieber has added another piece to his collection of religious body art, tattooing a pair of praying hands on his calf, according to Hollyscoop.

Bieber already has some religious tattoos.

He has Jesus' name in Hebrew running down his ribcage as well as a portrait of Jesus on the back of his leg.

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TV show

Man vs. Wild gets killed off by Discovery

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Bear Grylls has no qualms about drinking his own urine on national television — and this is the thanks he gets?

In shocking news, it was announced yesterday that the Discovery Channel fired the popular hunky outdoorsman from his show Man Vs. Wild, after the network was unable to get Grylls to participate in two unannounced projects he was contracted for, sources tell The Hollywood Reporter.

The British Grylls has been with the Discovery Channel since 2006 and in that time has become an international sensation, channeling the show's popularity into endorsement deals with Dockers and Degree deodorant, as well as numerous book deals, an iPhone app, his own clothing line and a video game.

It's all very strange — of course he should honor his contract but it's hard to believe that the Discovery Channel would just so abruptly fire one of their most successful personalities.

Considering this guy has bitten off the head of a snake to eat for breakfast, you kind of have to wonder what was in that contract that he wouldn't do?

Piers Morgan not fond of Kate Moss and Madonna

Piers Morgan GETTY IMAGES

Piers Morgan doesn't mince words when it comes to some of the women he doesn't care for, including Kate Moss and Madonna.

"If people actually knew what she was like, they would never, ever be interested in her again," he tells the Mirror of Moss, whom he says literally kicks him whenever they see each other at public functions.

"She's just a vile little creature."

As for Madonna, whom Morgan had banned from his CNN talk show, he says she is fake.

"She's a complete con artist and those arms are just terrifying," he says.

"It's like watching Conan the Barbarian. She's looking even more barbaric than ever at the moment, utterly grotesque."

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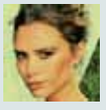

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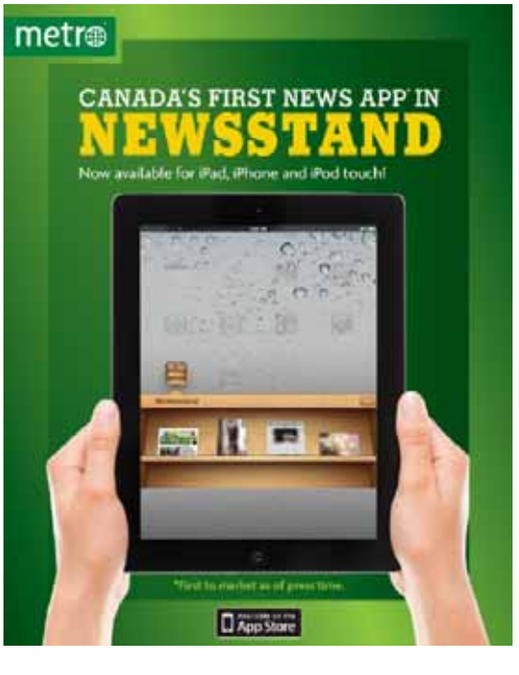

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Travel in brief

Corset factory a historic site

A Quebec City building where corsets were manufactured for almost a century has been added to Canada's official roster of national historic sites. Known as La Fabrique, the four-storey red-brick building in the downtown Saint Roch district was the site of Dominion Corset from 1897 to 1988. The company was among the city's main employers and one of Canada's largest manufacturers of corsets and undergarments.

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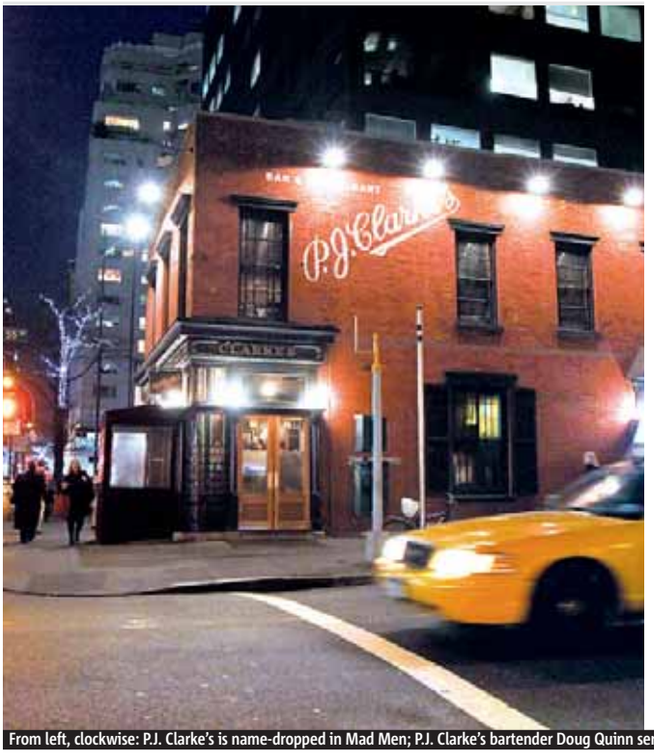

From left, clockwise: P.J. Clarke's is name-dropped in Mad Men; P.J. Clarke's bartender Doug Quinn serves up cocktails; P.J. Clarke's is a bustling night spot. TINA FINEBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mad for Manhattan

New York. With anticipation of the return of Mad Men, check out some of Don Draper's favourite haunts

Mad Men fans, it's time for a cocktail.

The return of the AMC show March 25 after a hiatus of a year and a half is cause for celebration, and there's no better place to raise your glass than in Manhattan at one of Don Draper's favourite haunts.

While many of the places name-dropped in Mad Men no longer exist — Lutece, the Stork Club, Toots Shor's — there are plenty that do, among them P.J. Clarke's, the Roosevelt Hotel and Sardi's. Some Manhattan bars, clubs and hotels are even offering packages, drinks or viewing parties to mark the show's return.

Of course, the series is filmed in California, so what you see on TV are well-researched sets, not real Manhattan bars.

But Mad Men fans will not be disappointed by reality: many of the establishments that turn up on the show retain a classy, retro vibe in real life, and can offer a fun, sophisticated setting for drinks or a meal.

Judy Gelman and Peter Zheutlin, authors of The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook, provide A Handy List of Mad Men Haunts in their book along with recipes from them.

"Some of these places just never go out of style, like the Grand Central Oyster Bar," said Zheutlin. "It's such a classic and bustling place."

Mad Men aficionados know the Oyster Bar at the landmark train terminal was not mentioned by name on the show, but it's believed to be the place where Don takes Roger Sterling for a martini-and-oyster lunch.

P.J. Clarke's, at Third Avenue and 55th Street, manages to appeal to a trendy 21st-century sensibility while channelling the classic cool that got the crowd from Mad Men ad agency Sterling Cooper drinking and doing the twist. P.J. Clarke's "was the site of many Mad Men parties," Gelman said.

"I think there might be more scenes set there" than any other bar or restaurant.

According to its real-life bartender, Doug Quinn, P.J. Clarke's "was a joint often frequented by Madison Avenue advertising executives during the 1960s.

"Our bar and restaurant continues to be a destination for this crowd."

The Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E. 45th St. at Madison Avenue, where Don stayed after his wife Betty threw him out, is offering a Mad Men in the City package, starting at $425 a night through June 30, so guests can "experience New York City as Don Draper would," according to Kevin Croke, the hotel's director of sales and marketing.

The package includes accommodations, '60s-era themed cocktails at the hotel's lobby-level Madison Club Lounge or its rooftop bar, called mad46. Guests also get a DVD of the show's fourth season, a copy of The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook," and tickets to the Paley Center for Media at 25 W. 52nd St., where the hotel has reserved a screening booth for viewing ads from the era.

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Party like Mad Men

To celebrate the return of Mad Men after a long 18 months, some Manhattan haunts are hosting parties for fans of the TV series.

- **Event.** The Pierre, a Taj Hotel, at 2 E. 61st St., which in Mad Men housed offices for the Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce firm, will host a party March 27 at its Two E Bar/Lounge in honour of the new season. Fans are invited to dress up in their favourite Mad Men outfits and try cocktails like a creme de menthe grasshopper or a "bikini martini," a gin, schnapps and blue curacao drink created in honour of the character Joan Holloway. The $14 cocktails will be offered Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., along with a no-cover jazz duo.

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Serving tea for the England of 2012

London. Afternoon tea has been a British tradition since 1865, and it's making a comeback — enjoy the extravagance

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Metro World News in London

Last week, The Queen took Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge, and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, for high tea on their visit to London department store Fortnum and Mason, a tradition that dates back to 1865 when the Duchess of Bedford called for a selection of snacks halfway between lunch and supper.

But this eccentric and quintessentially British experience is not just enjoying a revival with Duchesses. Afternoon tea so neatly services Britain's new home-baking obsession, the vogue for exotic teas and the compulsion to find ever-more-exciting ways of celebrating baby showers and hen parties that tearooms through London are bursting at the seams. And there's plenty of hot competition for those famous hotels churning out costly teas in two-hour slots from morning until night.

At five-star deluxe Dukes, an award-winning boutique hotel gem tucked down a backstreet of the upmarket St James area, demand from their clients is such that head chef Nigel Mendham has created The Ultimate Afternoon Tea. Served up in a nook of the intimate salon of this country house in the city, or privately in the sumptuous green and pink Perrier-Jouet lounge, this mini banquet marries heirloom tomatoes to Iberico bellota, Royal Beluski Caviar to smoked salmon sandwiches, alba white truffle to Dry aged beef, gold leaf to macaroons and Tahitian vanilla to scones, and then to a flute of Perrier-Jouët Belle Epoque champagne for the princely sum of $300 per head (dukeshotel.com).

At haven The Halkin a new chocolate-themed tea has been introduced, to celebrate the hotel's 20th anniversary. Conceived by award-winning chocolatier, William Curley, the 'Couture Chocolate Tea' adds Chocolate Financier with Passion fruit Curd, Orange and Chocolate Sacher, Sea Salt Caramel and Raspberry Tart to its selection of sweets (halkin.como.bz).

Top or bottom?

- Clotted cream or jam first on your half scone? There are two schools of thought on this from the counties most famous for producing the thick cream. There's no right or wrong, just the Devon method, where the cream is spread first so it can soak into the scone, then followed by jam, and the Cornwall, where jam is spread before cream.

The Perrier-Jouet lounge at Dukes. HANDOUT

Classic afternoon teas

For fashionistas:

The Caramel Room
The Berkeley Hotel

This stylish and fun afternoon tea is inspired by the hottest catwalk trends — diners can expect biscuits, cakes and other sweet treats based on the current fashion season's looks.
the-berkeley.co.uk

For people watching:

The Wolseley

Set in a former showroom for Wolseley cars, this grand café offers a refined afternoon tea. This is a place to see and be seen — it hums from breakfast service until closing time.
thewolseley.com

For a classic experience:

Browns Hotel

Settling down for the afternoon within the smart, wood-panelled cocoon of the English tearoom in this London institution is a treat. Tea sommeliers are on hand.
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Where the stars go for sand and sunshine

Anguilla. This tiny north Caribbean island is known for its jet-set crowd — but even for the budget conscious it can be accessible

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It's where Orlando Bloom and Miranda Kerr honeymooned. Where Derek Jeter, Chelsea Handler and Paul McCartney rang in the New Year. The destination that lures celebrities year after year is also one of the Caribbean's best-kept secrets: Anguilla: a tiny island in the north Caribbean. What makes this spot such an A-list magnet is the warmth and friendliness of the people, the secluded atmosphere and, most importantly, the beautiful beaches. For those without the celebrity budget, there are simple ways to save and still feel like a star.

Anguilla's stunning beaches are a big draw. ATURKUS/FLICKR

Think boutique

It's not all five-star resorts on the island. In fact, there are many affordable beach accommodations, including the Anacaona Boutique Hotel found on the gorgeous Meads Bay, with rooms starting at $150 per night. Another gem is the charming Lloyd's Bed & Breakfast, the island's oldest hotel, which is just a short walk from the beach. All year-round rooms for two are $145 per night.

Go off-peak

You'll pay through the roof between Christmas and New Year's. Instead, consider visiting between May and August, when nightly prices can be as low as 50 per cent off the high season rates. Love to golf? CuisinArt Resort & Spa is home to the island's first and only 18-hole championship golf course that boasts stunning ocean views. Book a tee time after 2 p.m. and pay $130 to play, versus $230 for an earlier start time.

Take the ferry

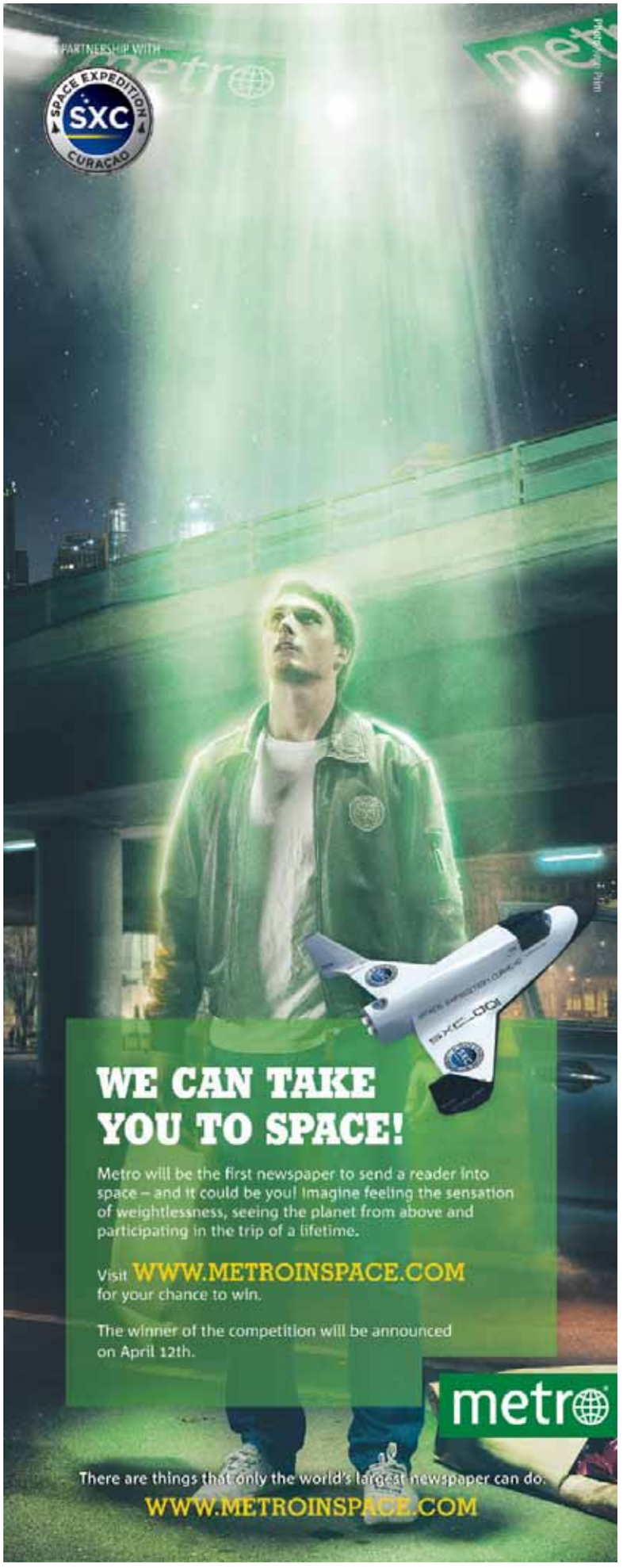
If you don't have a private jet then don't even look into flying direct to Anguilla. Instead, fly into St. Maarten and take a 20-minute ferry like everyone else. While the public ferry is your cheapest option at $15 one-way, a privately run charter is more convenient and drops you off right at the airport.

Paris Hilton and Doug Reinhardt (when they were an item) vacationed in Anguilla. GETTY IMAGES

Star-worthy splurges

A visit to Anguilla isn't complete without some indulgence. Treat yourself like a royal with these not-to-be-missed splurges.

- **Sunset cocktails at the Viceroy Anguilla.** A celebrity hotspot, nosh on maki rolls and handcrafted mojitos while listening to the DJ spin chill-out tunes.
- **Dinner for two at Cap Juluca.** Enjoy a sumptuous blend of European and Caribbean flavours at the fine-dining restaurant Pimms where the fresh fish is to die for.
- **Spa treatments at CuisinArt Resort & Spa.** Watch any remaining tension disappear with a relaxing massage.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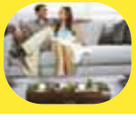

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Smoked salmon proves that fine dining doesn't have to be difficult

Risotto. This tasty Champagne Shiitake-Salmon dish is elegant enough to impress even the most picky of your dinner guests

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 1 large onion, diced
- 140 g (5 oz) shiitake mushroom caps, thinly sliced
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) arborio rice
- 550 ml (2 1/4 cups) dry sparkling wine
- 750 ml (3 cups) chicken stock or broth, warmed to a simmer
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 125 g (4 oz) smoked salmon, cut into thin strips

At your next dinner party, take the fine dining route by easily whipping up a dinner that leaves your guests feeling like you've gone all out to prepare the perfect meal.

The trick? Making sure a bit of bubbly is involved at every step of the process — beginning to end.

This simple but richly decadent risotto studded with thinly sliced shiitake mushrooms and strips of smoked salmon will do it. A generous amount of sparkling wine added throughout the cooking process ensures the experience is sophisticated.

Don't like bubbles? You can always substitute a dry Riesling. Don't care for smoked salmon? Substitute small shrimp (and cook for an extra 3 to 5 minutes, or until just pink and firm).

Be sure to enjoy the remaining sparkling wine when you serve up this risotto.

1 In a skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add onion and shiitakes; sauté for 4 minutes. Add rice and cook, stirring constantly, for 1 minute. Add 250 ml (1 cup) of the wine and cook, stirring constantly, until completely absorbed.

2 Add half of the chicken stock or broth, stir several times, then let simmer until liquid is nearly completely absorbed. Continue adding stock, 125 ml (1/2 cup) at a time and stirring constantly until absorbed between each addition.

3 When all of the stock has been added and absorbed, add another 250 ml (1 cup) of the sparkling wine. Stir until absorbed. The rice should be tender, but still just barely firm at the centre. Stir in cinnamon, salt and pepper. Add cheese and mix until melted and creamy. Adjust seasonings.

4 Remove the pan from heat. Stir in salmon and remaining sparkling wine to serve. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE VISIT, EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Champagne Shiitake-Salmon Risotto

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Passion-Politan

Bring the passion back to your relationship with the Passion-Politan. This romantic cocktail is just as visually pleasing as it is delicious.

1 Combine ingredients except champagne or sparkling wine in a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake and add sparkling wine, stir and strain into a martini glass. Float the rose petals on top of the cocktail.

- 1 oz SKYY Vodka
- 1.5 oz Passionfruit Liqueur
- 0.75 oz rose syrup (such as Monin)
- 0.5 oz lime juice
- Rosé champagne or rosé sparkling wine
- 1 rose petal

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This recipe makes 12 stars. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Give guests the star treatment with Smoked Salmon Stars

This fun appetizer is dazzling with its use of creamy cheese and a zip of lemon. It's a perfect match for great tasting smoked salmon.

To make the zest, use a sharp citrus stripper to peel long strips from a lemon.

Make sure you get only the yellow peel, as the white pith underneath is bitter. If you do this in advance, cover.

1 Toast bread, then let it cool to room temperature by placing on a rack or leaving in the toaster. If you put the hot toast on a plate, it will steam underneath and become soggy.

2 Using a channel knife or vegetable peeler remove rind from lemon. Thinly slice if using vegetable peeler and set aside.

3 Spread 10 to 15 ml (2 to 3 tsp) of cheese over each piece of toast. Top with salmon, trimming to fit, if necessary. Use a star cookie cutter to cut each slice into as many stars as possible. Garnish with lemon strips. Place caviar, if using, in centre of star.

4 Arrange on a platter and serve.

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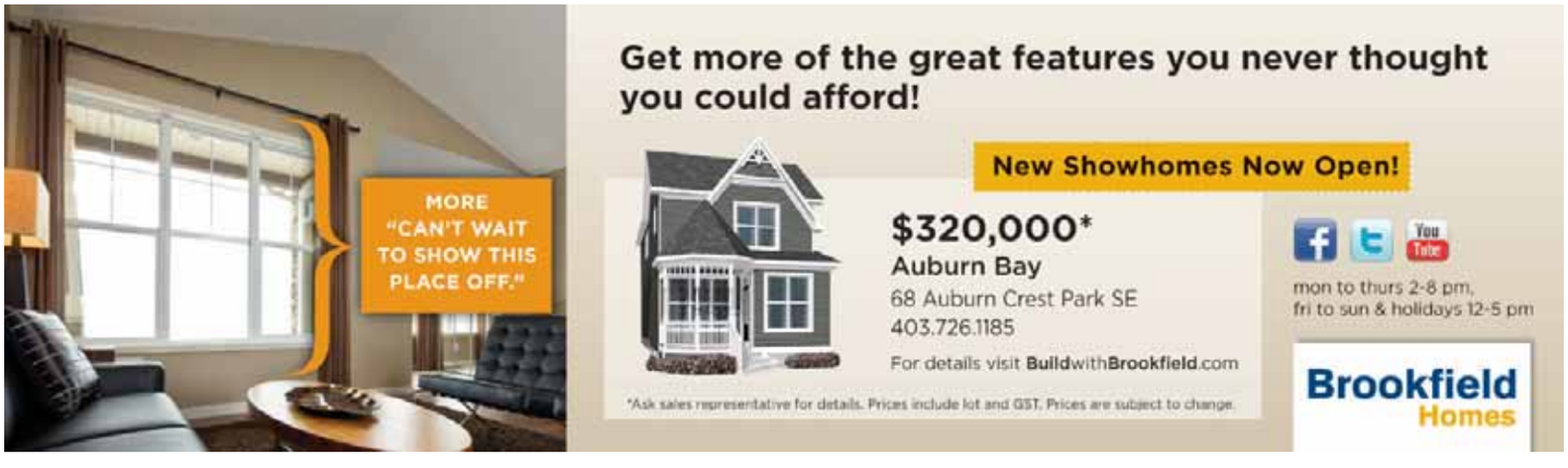
Ingredients

- 6 slices of pumpernickel bread or thick sliced bread
- 1 pkg (146 g/5.2 oz) garlic and herb cheese (such as Boursin) at room temperature
- 125 g (4 oz) thinly sliced smoked salmon
- 1 lemon
- Black caviar (optional)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Nursing casts wide net

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JULIA WEST
Metro World News in Philadelphia

A nursing degree doesn't have to lead to a job in a hospital.

"Let your career go hand-in-hand with your hobbies and interests," says author and geriatric care manager Marion Somers. "If you love to travel, you could consider becoming a nurse for a cruise ship. There are so many non-traditional paths you can take with that nursing degree. A nurse will always find a job, but you may have to walk in and ask for the position to be created."

For the less whimsical, here are four positions that already exist for nurses with unique skills and education.

Clinical project manager

"When a [drug] trial is going on, there's a lot of moving parts," says Steven Raz, co-founder and managing partner of Cornerstone Search Group in New Jersey. "There needs to be the documentation, protocol must be followed and you need to stay within budget. All that information gets rolled into a project. Nurses have likely been through clinical trials. They already have the knowledge of what's happening at testing sites."

Caring for callers

What about a job in drug safety operations?

- **Fielding calls and concerns about drug reactions.** "When a patient calls in a bad reaction to a drug, the nurses offer a very good perspective because they can relate to the patients and understand what they're going through better than a non-nurse," says Steven Raz.

Transplant coordinator

"[A] transplant coordinator is an advanced practice healthcare professional. It requires critical thinking, communication and organizational skills," says Pat McDonough, RN, live donor transplant coordinator at New York's Montefiore Medical Center. "After working in the ICU for 18 years, becoming a transplant coordinator opened a whole new world to me."

Long-term care planner

"As our population ages and health care becomes more digital, there are avenues opening up for nurses who can navigate technology," explains Patrick Coonan, dean and professor at Adelphi University School of Nursing in New York. "Health care is moving to keeping people out of the hospital — so care coordination, wellness and nutrition teaching and life counseling are areas where nurses will increasingly find new roles."

Workplace Law

Complicated contracts

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When it comes to employment contracts, all is fair in love and war, as pretty much anything can be incorporated into the agreement. Employees should, therefore, beware of the following terms:

Probationary periods

Agreeing to a probationary period allows an employer to dismiss for reasons that are otherwise insufficient, as long as a proper audition is given. It needs only to show that, in its opinion, the employee was unsuitable for the position. If these considerations are fairly assessed, the employer can end the relationship with impunity by providing only minimum notice or pay.

Post-employment restrictions

An employee's only duty when leaving a job is to keep confidential information or trade secrets confidential – unless other specific post-employment duties or restrictions are written into the contract. If the contract is properly drafted, employers can prevent employees from soliciting clients, working for a competitor or even working in their industry following their departure.

Notice of termination

Employees are entitled to be treated fairly upon termination, meaning they must generally receive a fair warning or severance. However, employers can contract out of these requirements, in which case employees will receive less far less than what's considered fair.

Contractual changes

Can the contract be modified or changed? Once the job begins, significant changes that negatively affect an employee are prohibited, without a sufficient warning or that employee's consent. Courts will, however, look to the contract, and if a clause clearly provided for that change, the employee had basically already agreed to it and is left without a remedy.

Independent contractor agreements

Is the contract even an employment contract? Often people believe they are being hired as employees but the contract they signed says otherwise. Independent contractors are not entitled to the protections of employment standards legislation and have very limited protections compared to employees.

Pre-employment promises

Unless a contract requires it, employers have no obligation to raise salaries, pay bonuses, provide profit sharing or stock options, or increase vacation time. They must only comply, in good faith, with the bargain that was made. If there is something worth negotiating for, get it in writing before signing the deal.

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Take down these tips from career expert Dave Keir of IT staffing agency Robert Half Technology on how to get a solid foot in the door of all things desktop.

What's your type?

According to a Robert Half Technology survey of more than 1,800 CIOs in Canada and the U.S., the top 5 most in-demand technical skills are:

1) Network administration
2) Database management
3) Desktop support
4) Windows administration
5) Wireless network management

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Stay positive:

Plain and simple, it is always tough to go through the application and hiring process, so new job seekers should remain positive and optimistic, especially during job interviews. Employers are attracted to positive thinkers.

Be assertive in your job search:

Never stop networking! Utilize online resources like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn, and find ways to network in person as well. People forget to do this all the time and rely solely on the Internet, but personally reaching out to employers has a timeless effect.

Stay up to date on the latest technology:

Consider continuing education courses, online learning, etc. There are also so many free, online tools to keep your skills current. Doing this shows an employer that you are not only resourceful, but that you are eager and ready to work.

Polish your soft skills:

Employers want someone with great communication skills who is able to work well with anyone.

Always check your ego at the door, and be willing and able to collaborate with others on the team. Job seekers often get so caught up on solely advertising their technological knowledge that they forget to enhance what they themselves can bring to the position as well!

Twitter

@TalentEgg: What advice would you give a tech grad just starting their career?

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Keep an open mind relating 2 the role, & try to focus on your area of strength.Lots of time 2 get experience & move up the ladder

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Secondary skills.
Survey finds that IT employers need more than just knowledge

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A recent employer survey shows that one out of four companies are concerned about the technical aptitude of job candidates, but there is even greater concern about their lack of business skills.

According to Closing The IT Skills Gap, a study that examines specific IT skills in enterprise programming languages and mainframe administration, along with business skills such as problem-solving and communications abilities, about 40 per cent of employers reported that their IT hires are not sufficiently prepared to perform jobs within their companies and there are notable gaps in skills.

Hot jobs

Plenty of positions:

- **Fact.** The unemployment rate for technology positions is less than half the national average (3.1 per cent) **STATISTICS CANADA**

The study, released by SHARE, was produced by Unisphere Research and sponsored by IBM.

Only 8 per cent of the nearly 400 employers surveyed would rate their IT hires as "well-trained, ready to go."

"About one-third of companies are seeking professionals and managers that can bridge the divides between IT departments and business leaders," reports the study's executive summary.

Do you have all the tools to handle a career in technology? ISTOCK

Student Voice

I found the key to landing jobs in IT: Volunteer work

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In my experience, the only way to secure a job is by having related work experience and by nailing the interview.

Most jobs in the IT field nowadays require previous work experience, but you've got to start somewhere right? I found the answer in volunteering. I did not have hundreds of volunteer hours in school, but I made sure that the volunteering opportunities that I did pursue were relevant and useful to my future career. I held positions such as computer literacy tutor, website designer and IT assistant.

These volunteer opportunities taught me not only technical skills, but more importantly, leadership skills and a knack for speaking in groups and to superiors. These soft skills proved highly useful during interviews.

Because I had a good combination of skills going into interviews, I wasn't as nervous as I'd be if I were unprepared. I also truly believed that I was qualified for the position, so I treated the interview as an opportunity to explain to the employer what I could bring to their company.

Too often, students think they're being scrutinized and judged during an interview, and they let their nerves get the best of them.

I also think that employers are looking at performance potential just as much as they're looking at your current credentials. That's why it's important to demonstrate your eagerness to learn during the interview.

Where I am now. I am currently working as a software engineer at Tagged.com, a San Francisco-based social-networking destination with over 100 million registered users and 6 billion page-views per month.

My recommendations for employers, schools and career-centres. I think seasonal positions, such as internships, are a great way for employers to test drive students. A lot of what employers look for in potential candidates cannot be shown on a piece of paper or by spending half an hour with the candidate.

My recommendation for students. Build your resumé by pursuing volunteer opportunities or internships that are relevant to your future career choice. Even if the job is only for a month, you'll gain valuable experiences that will benefit you down the road. Interview skills are also very important – look online for resources to hone your interview skills, it can make all the difference in the world.

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SPORTS

In brief

Dolphins trade Marshall to Bears

The Chicago Bears have acquired Pro Bowl receiver Brandon Marshall in a trade with the Miami Dolphins. There was speculation the Bears would go after a high-profile free-agent receiver such as Vincent Jackson, but they filled their biggest hole with a blockbuster deal instead, sending two undisclosed draft picks to Miami. Marshall made the Pro Bowl for the third time last year, when he had 81 catches for 1,214 yards and six scores. But he also dropped at least four potential touchdown catches and failed to end his career-long playoff drought.

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Stajan heroic in Flames' pivotal win over Sharks

San Jose goalie Antti Niemi watches Flames forward Curtis Glencross' shot go wide in Calgary Tuesday night. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL. Calgary draws even points-wise with eighth-place San Jose

Matt Stajan scored in overtime and Jarome Iginla joined elite company with another 30-goal season as the Calgary Flames beat the San Jose Sharks 3-2 Tuesday in a huge Western Conference encounter with the San Jose Sharks.

In the final minute of the extra period, the Flames broke in on a two-on-one and executed it perfectly with Blake Comeau sending a pass across to Stajan, who fired his fifth goal of the season into the open side.

Sven Baertschi also scored for the Flames (33-25-12), who have four won straight.

Logan Couture scored his 29th and 30th goals for San Jose (34-25-10). Despite having just one win in their last seven games (1-3-3), the Sharks' single point moves them into the eighth spot in the Western Conference.

Calgary and Colorado are even with the Sharks at 78 points, but San Jose has one game in hand on Calgary and two on the Avalanche.

Tuesday's game

Flames	Sharks
3	2

Couture tied the game 1:22 into the third period as the Sharks' third-ranked power play, after going 0-for-4 through the first two periods, finally converted with the extra man.

The second period has been the nemesis for the Flames all season — they have been outscored 79-56 — but on this night they scored the only two goals to take a 2-1 lead.

Iginla's go-ahead goal came on an unusual play. Sharks defenceman Marc-Edouard Vlasic fired the puck up the side boards into open ice. However, just as he released the puck, Mark Giordano stepped onto the ice after the expiration of his penalty.

Giordano carried the puck into the Sharks end, pulled up and sent a cross-ice pass to Iginla, who one-timed a slapshot past Antti Niemi.

The Flames captain hit the 30-goal mark for the 11th straight season, which puts him in elite company. Only six other players have accomplished that feat: Wayne Gretzky, Phil Esposito, Bobby Hull, Marcel Dionne, Jaromir Jagr and Mike Gartner.

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Penguins. Crosby returning to team that's already red hot

Sidney Crosby is returning to new linemates and a new role with the NHL's hottest team.

But Pittsburgh Penguins coach Dan Bylsma still expects to see the Crosby of old despite his current 40-game layoff and the 102 games the star forward has missed over two seasons because of concussion-related issues.

Crosby, out since Dec. 5, announced Tuesday he will play Thursday night against the Rangers in New York. The Penguins, riding a nine-game winning streak, are four points behind New York in the race for the top seed in the Eastern Conference.

What already was a marquee game for the NHL just got even bigger. Much bigger.

"I think it's unrealistic that he's going to step into Madison Square Garden and be the only show on the ice," Bylsma said. "But I know how the guy plays. I know how fast he is going to go. I know what's going to happen when he has the puck with speed. You know how he's going to be able to play down low with the puck, and you expect to see that player step on the ice. That's a really good hockey player. That's the best hockey player in the world."

Penguins centre Evgeni Malkin arguably has been that player with Crosby out, piling up a league-high 84 points. Now, Crosby is coming back at a key point in the season, with 14 games remaining for Pittsburgh and the playoff race still undecided.

"I know Geno is excited to be on the same ice with Sid again," Bylsma said of Malkin. "I still think it's a great challenge for our team. We're not a shoo-in to be a really good team when they all come back."

Crosby admittedly feels better than he did when he returned nearly four months ago after missing the final 41 games of last season and the first 20 games this season. He dazzled the New York Islanders with a two-goal, four-point night on Nov. 21, but he didn't have another goal in the other seven games he played before the concussion symptoms returned following a physical Dec. 5 game against Boston.

This time, general manager Ray Shero said, "He feels better than last time and knows what to expect this time."

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Line dancing

For now, Penguins coach Dan Bylsma plans to keep intact his productive top-two lines of Chris Kunitz-Evgeni Malkin-James Neal and Steve Sullivan-Jordan Staal-Pascal Dupuis.

- Still, Bylsma plans to put Sidney Crosby and Malkin together at times and also slot Crosby and Staal together, a unit previously unseen. The coach plans to limit Crosby to 14-15 minutes a game.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	69	44	18	2	5	192	150	95	24-7-0-2	20-11-2-3	6-3-1-0	W2
d-Boston	69	40	26	1	2	223	170	83	20-13-1-1	20-13-0-1	4-6-0-0	L3
d-Florida	69	33	23	5	8	171	193	78	18-9-1-7	15-14-4-1	6-3-0-1	W2
Pittsburgh	68	42	21	2	3	219	173	89	24-8-2-0	18-13-0-3	9-1-0-0	W9
Philadelphia	69	40	22	2	5	223	197	87	18-10-1-4	22-12-1-1	7-3-0-0	W1
New Jersey	70	40	25	2	3	195	182	85	19-12-0-3	21-13-2-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Ottawa	70	36	25	6	3	216	206	81	18-13-2-2	18-12-4-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Washington	70	36	28	3	3	189	197	78	23-10-1-2	13-18-2-1	7-2-1-0	W4
Buffalo	70	33	29	4	4	174	196	74	18-11-3-4	15-18-1-0	7-2-1-0	W2
Winnipeg	69	32	29	4	4	181	195	72	21-10-1-3	11-19-3-1	5-3-1-1	L2
Tampa Bay	69	32	30	4	3	197	234	71	21-11-1-1	11-19-3-2	5-4-1-0	W1
Toronto	70	30	32	4	4	202	217	68	16-13-3-3	14-19-1-1	1-8-0-1	L5
NY Islanders	70	28	31	7	4	163	206	67	15-15-5-1	13-16-3-2	3-4-2-1	L4
Carolina	70	26	29	9	6	183	211	67	17-13-1-5	9-16-8-1	3-3-2-2	L2
Montreal	70	27	32	3	8	185	196	65	12-15-2-6	15-17-1-2	3-6-1-0	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-St. Louis	71	45	18	1	7	186	139	98	28-4-1-3	17-14-0-4	8-1-0-1	L1
d-Vancouver	69	42	19	1	7	215	172	92	20-9-0-4	22-10-1-2	4-4-1-1	L1
d-Dallas	70	39	26	1	4	186	183	83	20-12-0-3	19-14-1-1	9-0-0-1	W6
Detroit	69	44	22	1	2	217	162	91	28-4-1-1	16-18-0-1	4-5-0-1	L1
Nashville	69	41	21	3	4	200	179	89	23-8-2-3	18-13-1-1	7-2-0-1	W3
Chicago	71	38	25	4	4	213	209	84	24-7-1-4	14-18-3-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Phoenix	70	34	25	3	8	182	178	79	18-12-2-4	16-13-1-4	4-4-0-2	L1
San Jose	69	34	25	5	5	189	178	78	19-11-2-1	15-14-3-4	2-5-1-2	L1
Calgary	70	33	25	5	7	176	193	78	19-9-1-4	14-15-4-3	5-1-1-3	W4
Colorado	71	37	30	3	1	186	189	78	21-15-0-1	16-15-3-0	7-3-0-0	W2
Los Angeles	69	32	25	5	7	154	152	76	17-13-0-4	15-12-5-3	5-4-0-1	W1
Anaheim	70	29	30	5	6	173	196	69	18-14-2-0	11-16-3-6	4-5-1-0	L3
Minnesota	70	29	31	2	8	150	194	68	15-14-1-3	14-17-1-5	2-7-0-1	L2
Edmonton	69	26	36	3	4	182	209	59	16-15-2-2	10-21-1-2	3-6-1-0	L3
Columbus	69	22	40	2	5	161	223	51	13-20-1-2	9-20-1-3	5-5-0-0	L2

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Last night's results
Florida 5 Toronto 2
Calgary 3 San Jose 2 (OT)
Tampa Bay 6 Boston 1
Dallas 1 Minnesota 0
Chicago 4 St. Louis 3 (SO)
N.Y. Rangers 4 Carolina 2
Washington 5 N.Y. Islanders 4 (SO)
Philadelphia 3 New Jersey 0
Detroit at Los Angeles
Monday's results
San Jose 3 Edmonton 2
Colorado 3 Anaheim 2 (OT)
Nashville 5 Phoenix 4 (SO)
Buffalo 3 Montreal 2 (OT)
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Colorado at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Nashville at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Montreal at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

PANTHERS 5, MAPLE LEAFS 2

First Period
1. Florida, Bergenheim 15 (Samuelsson, Ellerby) 0:59
Penalties — Rosehill Tor, Barch Fla (fighting) 5:16, MacArthur Tor (holding) 5:29, Garrison Fla (holding) 19:57.
Second Period
2. Florida, Garrison 15 (Goc, Wolski) 14:43
3. Toronto, Bozak 15 (MacArthur, Kessel) 19:02
Penalties — Ashton Tor (slashing) 12:42.
Third Period
4. Florida, Kopecky 7 (Garrison, Jovanovski) 6:07 (pp)
5. Florida, Goc 9 (Wolski) 10:28 (pp)
6. Toronto, Grabovski 22 (Schenn, MacArthur) 13:50
7. Florida, Bergenheim 16 (Kopecky) 18:40 (en)
Penalties — Ashton Tor (high-sticking) 5:17, Bozak Tor (holding stick) 10:12, Ashton Tor (fighting), Matthias Fla (instigating, fighting) 11:40.
Shots on goal

Toronto	5	11	12	—28
Florida	9	5	13	—27

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (L,11-12-4); Florida: Theodore (W,20-13-7).
Power-plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 0-2; Florida: 2-4.
Referees — Kelly Sutherland, Dan O'Rourke.
Linesmen — Shane Heyer, Jonny Murray.
Attendance — 17,475 (17,040) at Sunrise, Fla.

FLAMES 3, SHARKS 2 (OT)

First Period
1. San Jose, Couture 29 (Burns, Thornton) 0:53
Penalties — San Jose bench (too many men; served by Ferriero) 2:31, Clowe SJ (hooking) 5:06, Stajan Cal (holding) 12:32, San Jose bench (too many men; served by Clowe) 16:33, Jokinen Cal (tripping) 17:18, Clowe SJ, Desbiens Cal (fighting), Glencross Cal (boarding major, game misconduct) 19:31.
Second Period
2. Calgary, Baertschi 2 (Horak, Smith) 5:46
3. Calgary, Iginla 30 (Giordano) 18:27
Penalties — Giordano Cal (delay of game) 16:21, Sarich Cal (high-sticking) 19:50.
Third Period
4. San Jose, Couture 30 (Marleau, Thornton) 1:22 (pp)
Penalties — None.
Overtime
5. Calgary, Stajan 5 (Comeau) 4:20
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal

San Jose	10	8	9	4 —31
Calgary	8	9	2	3 —22

Goal — San Jose: Niemi (L,26-18-9); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,32-19-8). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — San Jose: 1-5; Calgary: 0-3.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	38	46	84
Stamkos, TB	48	34	82
Giroux, Pha	25	55	80
Spezza, Ott	29	44	73
Kessel, Tor	34	37	71

Last night's games not included

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Houston	1	0	0	3	1	0
Kansas City	1	0	0	3	1	0
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	0	1	0	0	1	2
D.C. United	0	1	0	0	0	1
New England	0	1	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia	0	1	0	0	1	3
Columbus	0	1	0	0	0	2
Montreal	0	1	0	0	0	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Portland	1	0	0	3	3	1
Real Salt Lake	1	0	0	3	3	1
Colorado	1	0	0	3	2	0
Vancouver	1	0	0	3	2	0
Dallas	1	0	0	3	2	1
San Jose	1	0	0	3	1	0
Seattle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chivas USA	0	1	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles	0	1	0	0	1	3

Note: Three points for victory, 1 point for tie.
Monday's result
Portland 3 Philadelphia 1
Saturday's games
All times Eastern
Chicago at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Houston at San Jose, 5 p.m.
New England at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Colorado at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
D.C. United at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Detroit	7	1	.875
Toronto	9	2	.818
Boston	7	2	.778
Oakland	9	3	.750
Seattle	9	3	.750
Los Angeles	6	4	.600
Kansas City	6	5	.545
Baltimore	4	4	.500
Minnesota	6	6	.500
New York	5	7	.417
Texas	3	6	.333
Cleveland	3	7	.300
Tampa Bay	3	7	.300
Chicago	2	8	.200

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	6	2	.750
San Francisco	8	4	.667
Miami	5	3	.625
Washington	5	4	.556
Chicago	6	4	.600
Houston	6	4	.600
St. Louis	4	4	.500
Cincinnati	5	6	.455
Philadelphia	5	6	.455
Colorado	4	6	.400
Milwaukee	4	6	.400
San Diego	4	7	.364
New York	3	6	.333
Arizona	3	7	.300
Pittsburgh	3	7	.300
Atlanta	1	10	.091

Note: Split-squad games count in standings; games against non-major league teams do not.
Yesterday's results
Toronto 8 Minnesota 2
Colorado 5 L.A. Dodgers 2
St. Louis 7 N.Y. Mets 1
San Diego 6 Chicago White Sox 3
Miami 2 Atlanta 2 (10 inn.)
Baltimore 7 Tampa Bay 7 (10 inn.)
Houston 6 Philadelphia 5 (10 inn.)
Cleveland 8 Texas 8 (10 inn.)
Oakland 8 Milwaukee (ss) 6
Kansas City 7 Cincinnati 5
Chicago Cubs 5 San Francisco 4
Seattle 7 Milwaukee (ss) 4
L.A. Angels 3 Arizona 0
Detroit 6 Washington 3
Boston 1 N.Y. Yankees 0
Monday's results
Toronto 4 Baltimore 1
Houston 4 N.Y. Yankees 3
San Francisco 2 Kansas City 1
Philadelphia 4 Pittsburgh 1
Minnesota 2 Tampa Bay 1 (10 inn.)
St. Louis (ss) 5 Atlanta 4
Oakland 9 Chicago White Sox 4
Colorado 11 San Diego 2
Chicago Cubs 8 Cincinnati 6
Washington 8 St. Louis (ss) 4
Seattle 6 Texas 4
Detroit 7 N.Y. Mets 7 (10 inn.)
Cleveland 3 Arizona 2
Boston 5 Miami 3 (10 inn.)
L.A. Dodgers 9 L.A. Angels 1
Today's games
All times Eastern
Minnesota vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
NYY vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Det. at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Miami vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Cin. at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Clev. vs. San Fran. at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 pm
Colo. (ss) vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 pm
Milw. vs. Chi. Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
S.D. vs. Ariz. (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 pm
Wash. vs. Atl. at Kissimmee, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
K.C. vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.
LAD vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 10:05 pm
Arizona (ss) vs. Colorado (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 10:10 p.m.
Tommorow's games
Baltimore vs. Det. at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pitt. vs. Minn. at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Atl. vs. Phila. (ss) at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Wash. at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Hou. at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Bos. at Fort Myers, Fla., 2:35 p.m.
K.C. vs. LAD at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Ariz. vs. Chi. Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 pm
CWS Sox vs. Cleve. at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 pm
Cincinnati vs. LAA at Tempe, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
CC (ss) vs. Colo. at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
San Fran. vs. Sea. at Peoria, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

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At Indian Wells, Calif.
Men's Singles — Third Round
Juan Martin del Potro (9), Argentina, def. Fernando Verdasco (19), Spain, 6-2, 7-6 (6).
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. David Ferrer (5), Spain, 6-4, 6-3.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Radek Stepanek (28), Czech Rep., 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-2.
Women's Singles — Third Round
Agnieszka Radwanska (5), Poland, def. Jamie Hampton, United States, 6-3, 4-6, 3-0, retired.
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Julia Goerges (14), Germany, 6-3, 6-1.
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Roberta Vinci (21), Italy, 6-2, 6-1.
Angelique Kerber (18), Germany, def. Christina McHale (32), U.S., 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (4).

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EAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Philadelphia	9	5	4	.556	100	110	—
Rochester	10	5	5	.500	126	121	½
Toronto	9	4	5	.444	104	108	1
Buffalo	8	2	6	.250	93	105	2½

WEST DIVISION	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Colorado	10	8	2	.800	130	129	—
Calgary	10	7	3	.700	135	109	1
Minnesota	8	5	3	.625	103	92	2
Washington	10	3	7	.300	101	121	5
Edmonton	8	2	6	.250	83	90	5

WEEK 11
Friday's game
All times Eastern
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Edmonton at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	35	9	.795	—
d-Miami	31	10	.756	2½
Orlando	28	15	.651	6½
d-Philadelphia	25	17	.595	9
Indiana	24	16	.600	9
Atlanta	24	18	.571	10
Boston	22	19	.537	11½
Milwaukee	18	24	.429	16
New York	18	24	.429	16
Cleveland	16	24	.400	17
Detroit	15	27	.357	19
Toronto	14	28	.333	20
New Jersey	14	29	.326	20½
Washington	9	32	.220	24½
Charlotte	6	34	.150	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	32	10	.762	—
d-San Antonio	27	13	.675	4
d-L.A. Lakers	26	16	.619	6
Memphis	24	17	.585	7½
L.A. Clippers	23	17	.575	8
Denver	24	19	.558	8½
Dallas	24	20	.545	9
Houston	23	20	.535	9½
Minnesota	22	21	.512	10½
Utah	20	21	.488	11½
Portland	20	22	.476	12
Phoenix	19	22	.463	12½
Golden State	18	21	.462	12½
Sacramento	14	28	.333	18
New Orleans	10	32	.238	22

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Indiana 92 Portland 75
Orlando 104 Miami 98 (OT)
Toronto 96 Cleveland 88
Houston 104 Oklahoma City 103
L.A. Lakers 116 Memphis 111 (2OT)
Dallas 107 Washington 98
Denver 118 Atlanta 117 (OT)
Golden State 115 Sacramento 89
Monday's results
Milwaukee 105 New Jersey 99
Chicago 104 New York 99
Charlotte 73 New Orleans 71
San Antonio 112 Washington 97
Utah 105 Detroit 90
Minnesota 127 Phoenix 124
Boston 94 L.A. Clippers 85
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Washington at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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Tossing a Dart into the fray

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2013 Dodge Dart

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan.
- **Engines (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (160); 1.4-litre SOHC I4, turbocharged (160); 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (184).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 6.4/4.9 (2.0, est.).
- **Base Price:** $17,500 (est.).

Decked out

The side profile doesn't have the sculpture of a car like the Hyundai Elantra, which might endear the Dart to no-frills buyers.

However, the Dart can be decked out with leather, dual-zone climate control and navigation.

The R/T gets its own five-spoke wheels.

Interior

The cabin design is a standout, with futuristic-looking gauges, equally non-traditional control-panel displays and unique storage area beneath the front passenger seat-cushion.

Of note is the customizable screen that sits between the tachometer and fuel gauge.

Engines

The base engine is a 160-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder that's standard in the SE, SXT, Rallye and Limited. All four trims can be upgraded to the 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder that's rated at the same 160 horses. Exclusive to the sporty R/T is a non-turbo 184-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder.

Review. Chrysler re-enters the compact sedan battlefield

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You can thank Giulietta for the soon-to-arrive 2013 Dodge Dart.

No, Giulietta isn't an automotive design studio, corporate executive or even a flavour of ice cream. It's an Alfa Romeo automobile that's the basis for a brand-new four-door compact sedan that wears the reconstituted Dodge Dart badge.

The fact that both Chrysler/Dodge and Alfa Romeo are controlled by the vast Italy-based Fiat automotive group has everything to do with the new Dart's creation. Although the Dart and Giulietta share the same basic platform, the Dodge version is enlarged, gets its own sheetmetal (Giulietta is hatchback, after all) and interior.

The engine selection is straight from Fiat. The Dart is also being built at a Chrysler assembly plant in Illinois with mid-2012 slated for the official coming-out party.

Despite its Italian origins, the Dart looks like a full-fledged member of the Dodge family as the signature crosshair grille is framed by a mouth-agape grille.

The Dart's bold statement will be important since Chrysler hasn't had a compact sedan in play since the Neon back in 2005. Meanwhile, virtually every mainstream automaker has continued to offer trunk-lidded compacts, earning plenty of currency — both in dollars and brand awareness — in the process.

That might explain why the Dart moniker has been returned from the 1960s and '70s, when it was applied to a series of two- and four-door compact models.

The Dart name will probably resonate with older customers — who will either love or hate the idea of bringing it back — although many younger car buyers will likely miss the connection completely.

The black grille surround is exclusive to the R/T model. This is the elegant Limited trim with the optional 1.4-litre turbocharged engine out of the Fiat 500 Abarth.

The otherwise clean interior might be a bit overdone with the glowing dash piping. The gauge layout is innovative, though.

By comparison

1 Chevrolet Cruze
Base price: $17,000

2 Hyundai Elantra
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3 Toyota Corolla
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Turbocharged Fiat 500 Abarth is deliziosa

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The first time a Fiat 500 got the Abarth treatment was back in 1958. At that time, Abarth was an independent tuning company, and not part of Fiat as it is now, and Gina Lollobregida was hard to ignore on the silver screen.

Back then Abarth took Fiat's just-introduced, rear-engined mini-car, and recreated it as the Abarth 595 by raising the compression ratio on the 479 cc engine, fitting a Weber carburetor, optimizing fuel and intake systems, and adding a full Abarth exhaust system.

This doubled horsepower from 13 to 26!

The Abarth 595 evolved into Abarth 695, and the spunky, little Fiats went on to claim 900 individual race victories by 1965.

Fiat's newest take on the "small but wicked" theme is the new 2012 Fiat 500 Abarth. Its turbocharged, 1.4-litre "MultiAir" engine is not quite double the output of Fiat 500's base engine (101 hp/98 lb-ft of torque), but a pretty decent upgrade. How about 160 horses and 170 torques?

Of course, the over-achieving Fiat has more than just power to offer. The car has been lowered, big-wheeled, big-braked, stiffened and outfitted with quicker steering and better suspension. It also belts out a gnarly wail, via its Abarth-tuned dual-exhaust system.

The highlight of the interior makeover is the leather, flat-bottom steering wheel — one of the nicest I've ever fondled.

At the car's recent press launch in Nevada, Fiat had no qualms about letting journalists thrash them about the Spring Mountain Racing Facility. The Abarth took to the track like a C-list celebrity to a reality TV series, and it wasn't nearly as temperamental. In fact, it's a very forgiving, and easy, car to drive quickly, making it ideal for anyone contemplating a first-ever track-day car, which you could also use every day as a cool, fuel-efficient streetcar. Prices start at $23,995, and each one comes standard with a track-day experience.

The Fiat 500 has been optimized as a space-efficient city car. Translation: its bulbous body, 64/36 front/rear weight distribution, and front-wheel drive, are not optimized for racy car activities. But that the racy transformation was done, anyways, is just another one of the charms of this engaging, hot-headed Italian.

If you want one, don't drag your feet.

"We'll sell everyone we can get," says Ed Broadbear, VP of Marketing, Chrysler Canada. He half-jokingly added that he's got his fingers crossed that the Abarth flops in U.S., so more units can be diverted north. He's already heard from many Canadian customers who got it bad for Abarth and can't wait to get their hands on one. Its potential for future cult status has already been noted by Hagerty Insurance, who included the Fiat Abarth 500 on its current list of "Future Collector Cars Under $100,000."

The short list

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Small, Powerful, Italian

- Snooki
- Fiat 500 Abarth
- Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi
- Vespa GTS 300 Scooter
- Italian Espresso
- Formica Atomica (a.k.a. pro soccer player Sebastian Giovinco)
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Hyundai's Veracruz hit the Canadian market for the 2007 model year with the goal of putting an affordable luxury crossover on the scene for thousands less than a comparable machine from Germany or Japan.

As the range-topping ute from the Korean automaker, Veracruz offered up top levels of comfort and style, alongside a competitive warranty and honest pricing.

Most X5 and ML shoppers weren't likely cross-shopping Hyundai dealers — though the Veracruz effectively put a world-class crossover within reach of many Canadians.

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Engine

All models got a 3.8-litre V6 with 260 horsepower and a six-speed automatic transmission. Most had AWD, though a lower-priced, front-drive Veracruz was available — depending on the year.

What Owners Like

Owners say a combination of quality, styling, interior appearance, safety ratings and a great driving position attracted them to the Veracruz, while attractive pricing and Hyundai's warranty coverage helped seal the deal.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints include limited third-row seating space, which is a standard gripe in most three-row crossover models. Some owners do report a rough or jarring ride, particularly on models with larger wheels and on rougher roads.

Common Issues

Some owners have reported problems getting the keyfob to open the power tailgate, a CD player that won't eject discs, or a faulty 'resume' button for the cruise control system. Ensure these features all work properly — and check the automatic climate control, air conditioner, entertainment console, power seats and all lights, too.

Check the taillamps for signs of cracking, and note that driveability issues related to the engine in terms of 'sputtering' or lumpy power delivery are likely caused by failing oxygen sensors.

Verdict

Though information is somewhat sparse, the Veracruz looks to be a solid performer with no systematic or glaring problems reported by its small but largely-happy owner community. Opt for as new and low-mileage a unit as your budget allows, maximizing your protection from Hyundai's warranty.

Click the cap to keep your fuel system happy

Driving Force. You know you're supposed to tighten the fuel cap. But do you know what happens when you don't?

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There are two things to remember when filling up your car: tighten the fuel cap until it clicks, and don't top off the tank. Both of these are important because of your vehicle's emissions system, which helps to keep unburned gasoline vapors from escaping and polluting the air.

"The fuel system is a closed system so that vapors don't escape," says John-Paul Farag, manager of advanced technology and powertrain for Toyota Canada. "The clicks (on the fuel cap) ensure that you have a nice, tight seal."

If the cap isn't sealed tightly, special sensors will detect the pressure loss and can alert you by illuminating the "check engine" light on the dash.

"It's not necessarily something wrong with the engine," Farag says. The light could mean that a loose gas cap is setting off a sensor that's monitoring the emissions controls. Some vehicles have a specific warning light for a loose cap.

If your check engine light comes on, try tightening the cap. If that was the cause, it will probably go out after you've stopped and started the ignition several times. A light that stays solid is often minor, but if it flashes, it's usually something more serious that could leave you stranded.

At the gas station, your vehicle works with the pump to automatically shut off the fuel.

"If you look at the fuel pump nozzle, it usually has a curled piece of metal or a small hole beside the large hole where the fuel comes out," Farag says. Once the tank is full, a filler valve in the vehicle sends a little bit of air or liquid back to the nozzle, which prompts it to shut off. It's important not to keep pumping a little more in. The car's emissions system contains a charcoal canister — as it sounds, a small tank filled with charcoal — which captures stray gasoline vapors in the system. Every so often it purges itself, sending these raw vapors into the engine to be burned off. Topping off the tank could send liquid fuel into the canister, which can damage it.

Overfilling can also cause fuel to pour back out of the tank, which can mark the paint and expose you to dangerous fumes — not to mention the waste to your wallet.

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Check under the hood, give the tires a kick

On display. 32nd annual auto show begins Wednesday, runs through to Sunday

CANDICE WARD
For Metro

It's time again to get revved up for the Calgary International Auto & Truck Show, driving into town this week.

The 32nd annual show will feature the latest technology and will have plenty in store for auto enthusiasts of all kinds.

"The best part of being involved in the show is the look on the faces of the patrons as they see a vehicle for the first time, or as they walk in and see the tremendous displays that are built to showcase the different vehicles," said Jim Gillespie, executive manager, Calgary Motor Dealer Association, and show manager, Calgary International Auto & Truck Show.

The Calgary International Auto & Truck Show will open its doors Wednesday to the public at the BMO Centre at Stampede Park and will feature five jam-packed days fun.

All manufacturers will be present at the show, with many of them bringing new displays, as well as some new models with a sprinkling of concept cars.

Car buffs will drool over the selection of some of the fastest and most expensive automobiles that will be on display.

Brand new to the show is the HTT Supercar from Quebec, a supercar with three seats and a central driving position.

There will also be something for those looking at vehicles that are a little more practical.

"The main draw for consumers, I feel, is the ability to see most, if not all, of the latest vehicles and latest technology all in one area," says Gillespie. "So, if they are in the market for a new car, this is the place to see all competitive products under one roof."

There will be a number of accessory exhibitors on hand as well, with 90 per cent of them from Calgary.

"This is a great opportunity for consumers to discover what some of these tuners, wheel distributors, and detailers have to offer," says Gillespie.

The auto show is a non-profit show, with 90 per cent of the net proceeds going to Calgary and area charities.

This does not include the Vehicles and Violins Gala, with all the proceeds, more than $2 million this year, going to ALS Society of Calgary and Meals on Wheels.

The show runs Wednesday from 3-10 p.m., Thursday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission

- Beat the lines and save $2 on weekday admission when tickets are bought online.
- Weekday tickets for adults are $10 while Saturday and Sunday admission is $15.
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The Ferrari FF will be on display at the Calgary International Auto & Truck Show. VITTORIO ZUNINO CELOTTO/GETTY IMAGES

Showstoppers

Exotic. These cars are bound to turn heads

The Fisker Karma. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Plenty of people attend the Calgary International Auto & Truck Show to kick the tires of a bunch of models they may be contemplating as their next purchase.

At the same time, car aficionados congregate to pay homage to exclusive automakers such as Ferrari and Aston Martin. It's exciting stuff, but remember: Kick these tires and you will likely be escorted out of the building.

Ferrari FF

The Pininfarina-styled Ferrari FF, or "Ferrari Four," is the Italian sports car maker's first foray into all-wheel-drive motoring. Its direct-injected V-12 engine makes 651 horsepower working through a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic gearbox mounted at the rear, and a second transmission up front to help lay down all that copious power.

Surprisingly, it comes wrapped in a roomy front-engine, four-seater hatchback, acknowledging that even Ferrari pilots sometimes have to make daycare and grocery runs.

Fisker Karma

California's Fisker Automotive was founded in 2007, intent on building an environmentally friendly premium hybrid-electric vehicle. The result is the Karma, a stunning four-door sedan whose dual 201-hp electric motors can propel the aluminum space-framed car to 60 m.p.h. in 6.1 seconds.

A GM-supplied four-cylinder engine keeps its lithium-ion batteries charged. Other eco-friendly touches include roof-mounted solar panels to help cool or heat the cabin, while recycled materials such as wildfire-ravaged wood dots the interior. **MARK TOLJAGIC**

Meet the new Boss

After a 40-year break, the legendary Ford Mustang Boss 302 is back in action.

Meet the new Boss as it makes its only Canadian auto show appearance at the Calgary International Auto & Truck Show.

This intimidator on wheels was literally born on the racetrack, and today proudly returns with some serious performance upgrades.

Some of the features of the Boss 302 include forced-aluminum pistons, upgraded connecting rods and revised oil pan baffling. Even without a supercharger, the Boss delivers 444 horsepower and 380 lb-ft of torque. **METRO**

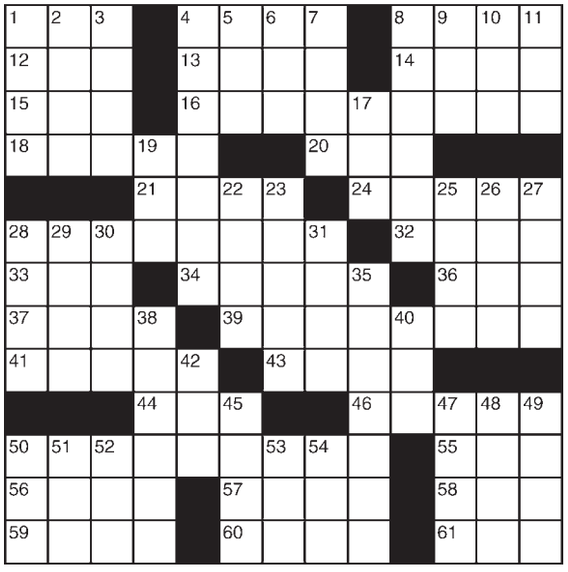
Crossword

Across

1 Omega preceder
4 Evergreen variety
8 Gulf War missile
12 Disencumber
13 Sauce thickener
14 Heap
15 Individual
16 Form into a whole
18 Song of David
20 Demure
21 Dines on
24 Coffee option
28 Vex
32 Toss the dice
33 Ultramodernist
34 Banish
36 Dove's call
37 Hammer's target
39 Flood
41 Pie-in-the-face sound
43 Pleased
44 Flop
46 Wherewithal
50 Settle in a new country
55 "A pox upon thee!"
56 Pugilist's garment
57 MPs' quarry
58 Expert
59 Greek vowels
60 Clothing store department
61 Scarlet

Down

1 Item on stage
2 Transgressions
3 Concept
4 Ape, e.g.
5 Charged bit
6 Cashew or almond
7 Corp. higher-up
8 More agile
9 U.S. spy grp.
10 Last (Abbr.)
11 Sandra or Ruby
17 Deity
19 Floral neckwear
22 Cab
23 Con game
25 Imogene of old TV
26 Oodles
27 Ice sheet
28 Hostels
29 Harvest
30 Stir up
31 Hebrew month
35 Paint store choices
38 Half the audience?
40 JFK predecessor
42 Yank
45 Pharmacist's weight
47 Off in the distance
48 Pleasant
49 Start a garden
50 Rage
51 Witticism
52 Biz deg.
53 Shock and —
54 Won — soup



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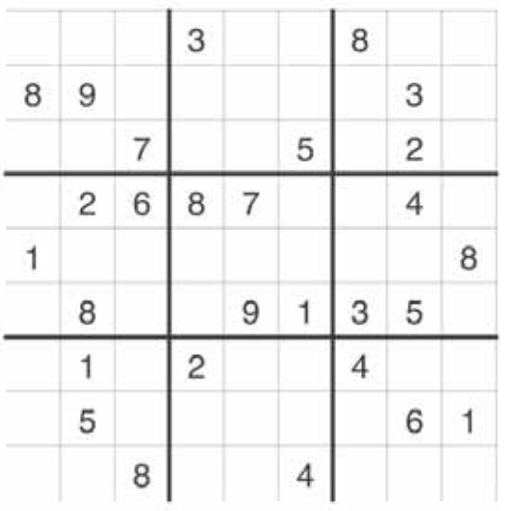
Yesterday's answer

Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

Send a kiss

- **Honey Bee.** We both have wings but yet the wind blows Different ways for us. Miss you so much but your sting hurts to much...Can't wait no more for the rose.. XOOX bye bye Honey Bee,your Angel always
- **Ross.** You know you're the best thing that's happened to me in this city. I would never wanna let you go, and I'll happily wait for the time when you express your love for me. P.S. You're an awesome cook. xoxoxo From Jellybean
- **My Husband.** I see you on here & you will get caught this time. I will not come bac.k why do you play with my heart take me for granted? forever forever what a joke you are. your wife
- **My Ladies.** I know u find me resistable but i just wanted u to know that i am still counting on the day u make me lemon loaf. Please yodel for me my lady From Lavergne
- **Confuse Anything.** my mind & body hasn't fully restored itself from last 2 weeks. I'm recovering...Pls be. From mm

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Try not to get emotional today — and under no circumstances get emotional about money or material things.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. The planets indicate that if you focus your mind on positive things, negative will cease to exist.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You may suffer some kind of setback today but the thing to remember is that in the greater scheme of things, it is minor.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Wishful thinking seems to be a bit of a problem for you at the moment. Stop living in your head.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Don't rush into a new situation today. Take your time and get a feel for what it's about then make your play based on your instincts.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If you have your doubts about something then you must speak up, even if you risk annoying people higher up the pecking order.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Do something irrational and outrageous, something that gets tongues wagging.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If a relationship has not been going well of late, now is the time to kiss and make up. Make it a sizzler.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Someone wants to repay you for a favour or several favours you did for them a while back.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Creatively and romantically, this is quite possibly one of the very best days of the year so far.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You won't be interested in work, but certain tasks still need to be finished. Do whatever it takes to get others to do things for you.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You know a good thing when you see one and what you are looking at now is as good as it gets.

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